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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Stuthman. Senator Beutler waives his time. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I was in opposition to this bill a year ago when it came out, and I'm going to give you the reasons why I was in opposition for this. I see some value in going and having the money sent to the Highway Allocation Fund and coming back for roads. But in my situation in my school district, which is an unequalized school district, where we receive no state funds--state aid to our schools--my school district in the rural area of Platte County would be shorted about \$33,000. That is the reason that I voted no on this. I think it's something that if we're going to go this route, then I think we need to make sure that, you know, that everything gets taken care of, that we...that our school districts can get it. I'm always concerned, you know, about, you know, our school district. We have got a lot of valuation there, and just because we have a lot of valuation and we got a lot of industry there, you know, we do not receive any state aid for our students there. In my opinion, that realistically isn't right. But you know, when we're going to have to...if we would go this route and this amendment is passed, that's just going to penalize our district just a little bit more, for being, you know, a high-value, productive area. So I just can't...I can't go along with this. I won't vote...I can't support this, and I have a concern also, as Senator Raikes had a concern, and I think there was another vote on there, too, that she also has a concern. So this is the reason that I voted no on the bill coming out of committee. It's because my district in my area, one of the districts, will be shorted 30-some thousand dollars. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I'm just trying to get a handle on the issue. It's not uncommon for us to fold one bill into another out here on the floor, or it to be done in committee, although it's usually done with bills that would otherwise not make it through