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roads to get there, and that is culture. The Native Americans, as I see it, have lost part of their culture and they've had it taken away from them, and we need to do what we can to give a little bit back. I've always heard it takes money to make money. We've got to spend a few bucks in order to get that back, and this would help those people in the future be able to give back. I hope you will support this and move it forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. Further discussion on AM2677? Senator Louden, followed by Senator Raikes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, support Senator Connealy's amendment for some funding for this Native American program that's...has been quite productive out in the Chadron area, the Chadron schools that I know for sure, as people have sent me an e-mail telling what it has done for them over there, and there are some Native American students that have benefited from this. And this is something that I would probably consider as something that's being proactive, because if these youngsters can be brought forwards at an earlier age like this, then this helps the cycle and gets them into education, gets them into some educated college education later on, and makes productive citizens out of them where they can go out and be leaders and do leadership in their own community. So this is something that the federal government has been funding. And they're not asking for the complete funding of the program, I think the 140-some thousand, whatever it is, but at any rate, by adding the two Native American people to the advisory council will seem to do some good out there. And I certainly support Senator Connealy with his amendment and certainly vote for it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would support the Appropriations Committee's decision on this one. My reasoning is as follows. We in our aid formula, although we do have an Indian lands factor in that formula, by and large, we do not consider cultural group or racial group as a factor in