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shown that we can do something if we really put our minds to it,
and I do believe that this is money well spent. It has shown
results, and it will continue, in my mind, to show results.
Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator
Connealy, there are no further lights on. I'll recognize you to
close on AM2677.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, thank you
all for the discussion and the pros and cons. I think it was a
good discussion. You know, we have challenges everywhere in the
state. You know, kids in the most affluent school district can
have challenges. But if you look at a group, our Native
American population does have huge challenges. And as we
instituted No Child Left Behind in this state and in the nation,
the Department of Education saw that they were going to have a
real hard time making big gains in the Native American schools,
and also in the Native American population of students in other
schools across the state, unless they made an effort to do that.
And so they added a couple positions that were going to address
that. Because of our tough budget times, they went ahead and
found federal funds to do that. But we've been given a gift.
We've been shown that they actually work. Now the federal funds
are not there, but I believe that this is money that's going to
be well spent, if it comes from our General Fund budget. I'd
urge your support of AM2677.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. You've heard
the closing on AM2677. The question before the body is, shall
that amendment be adopted to the committee amendments to
LB 1060? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on
AM2677. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Have
you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the
amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk,
items for the record, please.