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to...I have my light on next, so I'll give you some time. But essentially, during the budget crisis...and I can tell you, during the special session during the budget crisis, LB 1 was introduced and passed, and it included eliminating the funding for this. But then LB 3 was passed, and at that point we included the shift in the funding for this program from the General Fund to the Education Innovation Fund, beginning in 2003. And it's just now...I mean, we've done...we've refunded this...and I apologize because I don't have it up to the current one. But it would have...if this bill hadn't been introduced and passed, then it would have been in place. So essentially what we've done is find various ways to fund it over the years, and it would have been funded this year. And so after Senator Raikes' bill advanced from committee, we sat down and figured out a way to do both.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Thompson. Well, I think we certainly do need to discuss this. And would Senator Raikes yield to another question, or more?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Sorry, Senator Raikes. When we talk about school district reorganization, be it volunteer or mandatory, certainly current issues have to come into play. Now, there was debate last year, and perhaps some dispute, over the savings of...as a result of mandatory school consolidation. What is the latest number on the dollars saved due to LB 126 and the mandatory consolidation?

SENATOR RAIKES: I don't have a latest number. As you know, Senator, the actual mergers wouldn't take place until June 15 of this year. So I think that probably, at this point, a guess as to what the savings might be would be just a guess.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Now, the school districts, the unified school districts if you will, have budgeted for personnel costs and other things for next year, is that accurate, at this...by this point already?