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recognized to close on AM2721 to LB 1208.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I appreciate the discussion. I would remind you that this is an amendment that not only adequately funds the distance education proposal, which is the subject of LB 1208, but provides funding so that we can proceed with the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program. It's using lottery money, certainly an important funding stream that we need to deal with, but I believe it is using it in an appropriate way. It's...there is an ending point to the commitment of the funds--2015. I think, again, that's a good practice to follow. So I would urge your support for this. I think it's a very important addition to the bill and I would offer Senator Thompson part of my time, if she would like to use it. She doesn't, so...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...thank you, and I urge your support for the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the closing on AM2721 to LB 1208. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor of the question vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Question before the body is the Raikes amendment, AM2721. Have you all voted who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Raikes, AM2854. (Legislative Journal page 1135.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, to open on AM2854.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This follows on a discussion that we had, you may recall, on General File. A provision of this bill, which actually was taken from a bill introduced by Senator Byars, would eliminate an