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being able to deal with the broader issue, I will just vote red on this particular issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Further discussion? Seeing no lights on, Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close on AM2777.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate the comments by Senator Brown. I think that the concerns are certainly valid. I do, however, think that those concerns are broader than what we're talking about here. I think this is an appropriate change at this time and something that we should do, and I would urge you to do so. So, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the closing on Raikes amendment. Question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Issue before the body is the Raikes amendment. Have you all voted on the amendment who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Raikes' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Raikes amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Senator Jensen would move to amend AM2893. (Legislative Journal pages 1168-1169.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This amendment is LB 962 and I want to thank Senator Price for her willingness to consider the introduction of this amendment. The amendment adds provisions of LB 953, which was heard by the Health and Human Services Committee and advanced by the committee with no dissenting votes. The bill was brought to me by the Rural Health Advisory Commission. The commission was concerned that the rural health student loan repayment program, although effective, could even be more