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school districts or schools that are in those districts. So I have a concern about this when there is no way of tracking to make sure that that money goes to those certain students. I think this gets down to, are we going to start having children go to school when they're three and a half, or whatever age like that? Part of this could be taken care of in Head Start. The Head Starts program do it. This early childhood development is probably a form of day care. This is going to be funding, day-care funding, done by the state picking up the tabs. We're going into our trust, taking interest money from our board of educational trust fund that would ordinarily go to your other school districts on a higher level, and your K-12 districts, so we're tapping into that money to purchase day care. I have no problem with doing this if that's what people want to do. I think it should be completely voluntarily, and I think that somewhere along the line we need to decide if we want to cut into any of our education funds to fund social projects, and this is where we're going. We're using the school system to fund social projects. If we want to fund social projects, then let's call them that and fund them accordingly, but I think we're starting to mix social problems in with the schools problems, and therein lies another problem that we will come forwards with in the future that you're trying to use your school system to adjust social problems out there that should be funded in a separate method whatsoever. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Redfield. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease on the committee amendments, AM2927? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on ceasing debate on the Education Committee's committee amendments. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion was successful. Debate does cease. Chairman of committee, Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close on AM2927.