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doesn't call for it to go to innovative education; it simply says education, and it is, without argument, going to education, if Senator Raikes' bill passes. So I went back to Senator Raikes, the Chair of the Education Committee, to see if there was some way that we could adopt or amend Senator Chambers' amendment to put in a protection for the educational dollars. And given the complexity of the bill that he has that's going forward and the time frame that we're operating under, I don't believe that we can set up a mechanism today in this amendment or an amendment to this amendment to allow for those protections of educational monies. I do find it interesting that we talk and we place a priority on environmental issues--and again, not to diminish those--but we don't have the same emphasis on educational issues. That, to me, is interesting. I don't know if Senator Brown is accurate when she talks about, we've always spent the money on environment. I don't know that. I do know we have taken some funds out of the environmental part, but we've also redirected the educational component, I don't know if I can count how many times. And again, it was the will of the body, and we reallocated or redirected those monies. But I just want to suggest to you that it is inappropriate, in my mind, that we protect one element of this--actually two elements, because we're going to be protecting the money for the compulsive gamblers...or, excuse me, the assisting compulsive gamblers, so we'll protect those funds and we'll protect the environmental funds, but there's no protection, in this amendment anyway, that protects the educational monies. And because of that, I have an opposition to the amendment. If there were something that could be drafted, and again, I'm not suggesting this to Senator McDonald, but if there's some way we could protect both, it might be different. I'm going to vote red on this, as well. I just think we have our priorities wrong when we protect the environmental issues but don't protect the money for our kids.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion? Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Raikes and others.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to oppose the Chambers amendment, and I