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would take two years. We've got a 90-day session coming up to deal with things like this, possibly even a 60-day session after that. We've got eight months of an interim before that 90-day session for people to come to the table. How do we know that people aren't going to come to the table? How do we know that for sure? I'm willing to find out. I'm willing to see what will happen. The point being, time is something I believe that we have. I don't think we're under any major gun. It's not 11:59 tonight and, quite frankly, it's not Thursday afternoon. I think we have time because I just, I drew this up on a napkin last week. It sounds like an intriguing idea to me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to come back to the idea of local control and the right of people to have something to say about what happens in the schools where their children attend. Do you think Warren Buffett had nothing to say about the public schools his children attended? Do you think all these other white guys who send their schools (sic) to private schools have nothing to say about what happens in those schools? Why is it that only when black people, Latinos, or others who have been considered on the outside say it is a good idea to give us a stake in our children's education? If we feel we can come to school and we're not going to be treated rudely and be insulted, we'll form parent groups. You can call it PTA, parents council, or anything you want. We'll be there. If you're going to listen to us when we explain how you can help our children, we will give you ideas. But if every time I come you're going to treat me like I'm a child, then if I respond with a bit of heat, then that security guard is right there to tell me, hey, cool it. And I say the teacher was the problem and the teacher say, no, your attitude is the problem. My attitude because I'm concerned about my children. Yeah, and if you come back here, we'll call the police. And that's what happens in these schools. Senator