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kindergarten would be limited, then, to school years prior to 2009-2010. So this is just simply a change in the statutory requirement. I will point out that there is no additional budget authority or other state funding that's associated with this change in requirements. I urge your adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, a motion, please.

CLERK: Senator Raikes would move to amend with AM2466. (Legislative Journal page 884.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, to open.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you again, Mr. President and members. The amendment to the committee amendment that I am offering you here deals with an issue brought to us by the private and parochial schools. It would change it so that the requirement applies to accredited schools and not approved schools. Many of the...I'm told that many of the parochial elementary schools are approved schools, and they by choice do not wish to offer all-day kindergarten, so this restricts the amendment to...restricts the bill to accredited schools, again, beginning in the year 2009-2010. I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on AM2466 to the committee amendments to LB 228. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have to ask Senator Raikes a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question of Senator Chambers?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, does this require these parochial and other schools to have all-day kindergarten, or