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local school boards, and if...have you heard the argument that local control, above all else, is important, or does mandate fly in the face of what I'm talking about?

SENATOR HOWARD: I'm following your argument regarding local control, and we seem to pull that out when it's useful to us. I would argue back that quality education should be our bottom line regarding each and every child.

SENATOR MINES: Okay, and I would argue that local school districts know what's best for their local education of their children. Thank you. That's all the questions.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you.

SENATOR MINES: I would also argue that we're talking about no increases in state spending. You're going to see local spending increases, I have no doubt, in 74 additional school districts. You're also going to see additional expense in additional teachers, is my perception, and again, I think those decisions are best made by local school boards. We've got 74 left. The town that I...Blair...I live in Blair and we don't have all-day kindergarten; they're considering it. They just don't have the facilities right now to do that and would have to spend additional taxpayer dollars to get there. So you've been very thoughtful in your answers, Senator. I do oppose not only the amendment but the bill. And thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Kremer, on AM2466.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Contrary to my seat mate here, I want to support the amendment and support the bill. Perhaps in one sense it's a little bit easier for me, because the Lincoln School District has made the decision to have all-day kindergarten. They don't force students to go to kindergarten all day long, Senator Redfield, as I understand it. They can go a half a day if they choose. But they do have kindergarten, and they've done it, obviously, without the promise of state reimbursement. Obviously, they're not the first ones. Many, many school districts, as described by Senator Howard, have