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years, there was no problem at the time. I think the biggest problem was, at times, was whether or not the other schools had room for those students to come in. So I wonder, when you mandate it, how that's going to work, if they don't have the teacher capacity for some of the subjects that those students want to take that are from the other schools, how that will work. And then where along the line, then, do we have to start setting up how many hours they have to be there to be a part-time student? And will that affect how they're...how the money is paid for state aid to education? Will the schools that...the public schools that take these students in be allowed to put that forwards as part of their state aid formula? So there's a lot of problems I see with this thing, and I don't know as I...if somebody will answer them during the course of the debate, but I'm somewhat skeptical of this LB 821 at the present time, with the Education Committee amendments on it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Raikes, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This...with this amendment, as I understand it--and I think I'm correct, Senator--if you are a resident of a school district, then you can attend that public school. You must meet the compulsory attendance requirements. You can either do that by being a full-time student, or by being a part-time student in the public school and the remainder as an exempt school student. You can also attend that public school on a part-time basis if you are a private school student. So the situation Senator Louden described would be allowed, or would be...the school district would be required to accept those students. And he mentioned, what about teachers, what about space? If there are public school students there, then the school needs to accommodate those students. So these students would be considered on the same basis as that. It does not prohibit a public school from accepting part-time students that are not residents, but it does not require that. I...you know, to me, I think that seems to be an acceptable procedure. I understand several of you are concerned about mandates, and I understand all that. But in some cases in the state, you have situations where public