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school aid formula. When Senator Bohlke and others got it passed back in the mid-nineties, the demographics were certainly different than what they are now. We have never reached the 50 percent school aid intention that was originally intended. I think shortly after it was passed, we got maybe around 44. Right now we're sitting around 36 or 37. The demographics have changed with that formula. The rural areas are being dinged. I mean, it's hopeless. Unless that school funding formula is changed, the rural people will continually be saddled with levy overrides, and we cannot have that. So, from the perspective of my district, I must look at Heidemann's amendment in and of itself. That being said, I have a responsibility also collectively to the children in the state of Nebraska, which includes the children in my district and the children in Omaha. I'm concerned about education. I'm concerned about what are we doing in such a fast process? I share Senator Kopplin's concern. Legislation is not an event. As I've said before, it is a process. And we've created a legislative event, it seems like, on the floor with all that's happened in the few days that we have been discussing this bill. I...in mulling this through all night long, I have decided I will go with a cloture on General, simply to bring it to Select to try to get to the the Heidemann amendment, the Heidemann amendment, the one that helps five of my schools at 103 percent. Now, trying to get a recent update, I understand that percent may need to be changed. Therefore, my position may need to change. But I want everyone to know where I stand,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...and where I stand is I want to do what's right. I'm not sure that legislation in haste is what's done right; what the press would be to do this so quickly. If it's...if it's the right thing to do, it will still be there if we have to meet for a few extra days later to discuss it. That's the way I make decisions and I cannot apologize for the way I make decisions. So that's where I stand, in terms of my district, the Heidemann amendment. In terms of this bill, it's education, what's best for the children of the state of Nebraska, and definitely I don't want to take a crumb for the rural people this year and be told next year I don't get my part