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the bill. I did oppose it from coming out of the Education Committee, and it is primarily, I guess, an equity issue that I feel very strongly about rewarding people, again, who violate our immigration laws. And I believe it is...it is giving an unfair advantage over others. I do have a couple questions, Senator Schimek, that I would like to address to you. I noticed in the bill, if you'll look on page 2 and lines 11 and 12, and particularly 12, I thought that we were talking about citizenship, you know, trying to establish citizenship, U.S. citizenship. But I see in the bill you are...keep talking about making the state their permanent residence, supported by documentary proof. What would be that documentary proof, because you've mentioned that about seven times in the bill? What is that proof?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Microphone malfunction) Are you...

SENATOR STUHR: Oh, could...I'd like to address that question to Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Please, Senator Stuhr, would you repeat what page you're on?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, page 2.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's not the part that we're dealing with here. That's old established language, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: All right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The part that we're dealing with here is on page 4, and it says that if the student provides to the state postsecondary educational institution an affidavit stating that he or she will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest possible opportunity, he or she is eligible to do so.

SENATOR STUHR: And I believe on page 4 then, again it talks about supported by documentary proof, and...