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Bourne followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Would Senator Heidemann yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Heidemann, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Heidemann, you had mentioned in your previous dialogue with Senator Synowiecki that you had introduced this as a bill in Education Committee?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: We was trying to address a problem with declining enrollment. I did not introduce this bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, okay, I thought you had said that he had. You had two bills that were introduced to increase funding in a similar manner except that you're dealing in percents in this amendment and you weren't in the other?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: This looks more at the needs side and that's what probably makes this...this makes it a lot better than what I was trying to do before. I didn't look at the needs. I was just looking at the aid side.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, but the ultimate goal is the same, in that you're trying to increase funding for the smaller school districts?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Not really.

SENATOR BOURNE: Oh, so you don't need the \$2 million?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: No, the underlying...what I was trying to do this fall was probably more to help the smaller school districts out across the state. It had a ADM, I think, and this is all from recall, of 250 or less. It had evaluations per student of \$750,000 or less. It was a different way to address a problem that I had. This looks at declining enrollment.