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sign the letter calling for a special session. All have agreed, and I know there are others in here that would like to do this, to work together over the summer to try to craft some sort of a resolution that makes sense, that is the best thing for all our kids. And in my mind it absolutely addresses rural education, Senator Heidemann. In my mind it absolutely addresses what Senator Chambers is talking about. But I am afraid that at 8:47 on the next to the last day of the legislative session to go through a 158-page amendment, as I cursory look through it, it still talks about Class I schools, I don't know that it's right. And that is not to slight Senator Raikes, but let's do this right. Let's go home. Let's have the commitment that we'll work through the summer, we'll come up with a compromise that makes sense, that's the right thing to do. That's my commitment to you. If I can answer any questions in this regard, I certainly will. I hope my wife isn't too upset with me by committing my summer to this, but it's that important.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Discussion on the Raikes amendment, AM3258 major proposal, Senator Cornett.

SENATOR CORNETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Earlier Senator Bourne when he was upset stated that Senator Heidemann's amendment was introduced to buy out the rural senators. I have to admit I was suspicious of that. If the amendment isn't a buyout or a way to try and sway rural votes, then why wasn't this amendment attached to any of the other education bills we heard today, the less controversial education bills? Why was it on this particular bill? This was an amendment or a bill that was killed in committee. I understand that it is very important to Senator Heidemann and I have no objections to his amendment. I have an objection to the bill that it was placed on. Senator Bourne states that he was embarrassed to be a member of this body because of this apparent attempt to sway rural votes. Maybe I'm a little more pragmatic. Earlier Senator Chambers stated that when you see an opportunity you have to take it, and I'm paraphrasing his words. Senator Raikes saw an opportunity to gather support for his bill, which he's worked very hard on and has become very important and very emotionally attached to. Senator Heidemann saw an opportunity to address an issue that we had overlooked as