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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I have struggled with this bill as all of you have, and I'm going to stick with the bill. And I just want to explain very briefly why. I don't think there are but a handful of people in this Legislature that can claim to have acted more substantively and more often on behalf of low-income people or low-income, at-risk kids. I care deeply about them. The question is, how are they best served? And the way I see this plan is that we are actually going to put into place and operate with both models--the old model, the old integration model that relied heavily on transportation and free transportation and trying to encourage people to mix in that way, plus a very strong integration plan now incorporated into that, which has some heavy penalties for not cooperating with that old integration model. And that thing is going to go on in this bill at the same time that we're trying and experimenting with the new model of closer governance, better governance, a governance more akin to the population that is being served. And who is to say that that model may not work also, and who is to say that the two models working together may not be the best model of all? But we are at this point now that we have to take into account, I think, yet another factor, and that is that we are an initiative and referendum state. We are a populist state. The people, at any point in time, can choose to act if we don't act or if we act inappropriately. They are there and they have options and we always have to be looking over our shoulder. And this bill, this issue is indelibly imprinted on the minds of people by virtue of the traumatic series of events of the last week. So I think that initiative, in this instance, represents a danger to us all. I think it represents the danger of an oversimplified solution. I think the people may be inclined, without a deep and long experience with a complex issue, to adopt an oversimplified action or scheme or set of statutes that may, in the end, be worse for low-income, at-risk kids than we can ever imagine. Who knows what would happen? But if you pass this bill, you keep it in your hands here, and I trust this Legislature more than I trust the people on a complex issue of this nature. And I think that they will continue to trust us if we continue to work at it. But if we throw this all aside, you can bet on the fact that there will be an initiative and then