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I think it should be clear that when we proceed to pass laws in accordance to the policies and the rules and the laws that are before us, we should adhere to ours and others' governing our process. There is a conflict, Senator Schimek, and it is not a conflict with those who are here trying to make a living. It is not a conflict with those hardworking individuals that are currently in our state. It is a conflict in the law, and we have acted accordingly in this Legislature to deal with those who violate the law. Congress has failed us to act, but that does not mean that our actions should violate the federal law. Members of the Legislature, I would simply ask, as you consider your vote, that you would analyze the intent of the law, not as outlined by myself or any other attorney who would have you believe one way or another, but as the congressional record states. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Further discussion? Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Kruse.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm on the Education Committee and I heard this bill in committee last year. I did not speak on General or Select File. You know, it's all right for these people to do our jobs. The bill says you have to have gone to public school or you have to have been in high school three years or school for three years, public school for three years or private school. We have already spent a lot of money on them, probably for English as a Second Language and as poverty students. The bill also says they must be trying for citizenship. I would guess we're talking about 90 to 95 percent of these people are Hispanic. Senator Aguilar, would you agree with that? It's all right for them to do our meatpacking jobs. It's all right for them to do our road work and our construction jobs and the grunt work. I can't go there. My great great grandmother's last name is Sanchez. I have a feeling she's watching and for me not to vote for this override is racist, and I'm not going there.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and colleagues, thank you. I support the override and I have one point to make, not in terms