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SENATOR BEUTLER: That's a great place. Senator, Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, will you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Could you just explain how your amendment would handle the problem of students who can't afford extracurricular activities and whether you're willing to ensure that by one mechanism or another every kid can participate?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, that is a main theme of the committee proposal--to make sure that all students can participate. The...I'll repeat myself again. A major focus is to discourage the use of fees.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: Now as you mentioned, there are practical difficulties with saying that you absolutely can't charge a fee no matter what. So we are allowing, or the committee amendment would allow, some discretion there on the part of the local district to charge some fees, but keep in mind that already I think you've addressed the difficulty of need. How do you...are you going to require someone to submit a balance sheet or how do you determine what...what, you know, when they are no longer able to pay or...that's a difficulty. Now we're...we're allowing in this bill that to happen. We are saying that you have to in public discuss exactly what fees you're going to charge, exactly what things you're going to require that you do not provide, and exactly what you're going to do in the way of a fee waiver policy. This has to be approved in a public meeting and approved by a majority of the school board.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a question of Senator Raikes, if he will yield.