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SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Coordsen, I'd like to thank you for the time. I would like to comment on the cookies. I believe the flour was ground in Nuckolls County on the Hubert Simonson (phonetic) farm. And he grows a special variety, although probably any variety would work, but he does grow a special variety. They're proud of the fact that milo can also be used as a food grain. And so as you enjoy your cookies today, why, it was...the flour was...the milo was grown and the flour was ground in Nuckolls County on the Hubert Simonson (phonetic) farm.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen and Senator Schrock. Senator Raikes, on the motion to override.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I can't provide you any more information about the cookies, but I would like to talk to you about LB 898, and urge your support of the Kristensen motion to override. Let me remind you, again, what the combination of LB 898 and LB 898 (sic) do. LB 898, of course, is the base bill. This provides a distribution mechanism for a reduced level of state aid. It's one that I think is equitable. It's one that went through the hearing process. It handles such an unpleasant task in as equitable a fashion as, I believe, can be done. So I think that is a very good approach to the issue we, unfortunately, face here. It provides for recertification of state aid. And keep in mind, state aid for the coming school year was certified February 1. What we're doing with this twenty-two and a half million dollars is we are reducing the amount of certified state aid so you need to have a date for all to happen. This is...that is in LB 898, the bill. It provides for a three-year reduction in state aid, which, again, we need in order to accommodate the fiscal situation we find ourselves in. As Senator Kristensen mentioned, it also includes an amendment that allows school boards to exclude from their levy amendment...or limit, the amount by which they're state aid was cut. This is only by a supermajority of the school board. It is very much a local control decision. This amendment was added on Select File. And I will defend that absolutely. I think that is solid policy, it's something that we should do, should have done, and