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SENATOR FLOOD: ...Douglas County, and Sarpy County when it comes to solving problems in your backyard. I had hoped the senators from rural Nebraska would have been able to embrace an Omaha/Douglas County/Sarpy County solution. I'm sick to my stomach to think that we are coming in from the outside and trying to draw lines in your city. Help us help you by finding the solution that Nebraskans work on, instead of this idea that we fight and dissolve and we fight and dissolve and we go to court and we keep crying until somebody wins. I think rural Nebraska wants Omaha to find a solution that works and we will support anything that's reasonable. I don't know if this is in the right direction. I'll continue to listen to the debate. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Senator Mines, followed by Senator Friend.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I will not support the...or will not vote for reconsideration. I do have schools in both OPS and Millard. And as I was thinking about what to say today, I often go to Google and I "googled" a thought that said let cooler heads prevail. I've heard that my whole life. And an interest...the first one to pop up was interesting. It was a conversation between President Kennedy and Dean Acheson during the Bay of Pigs. And it's very relevant to what we're doing here today. The President asked Dean how this whole thing will play out. Now picture them sitting in the War Room. And Dean Acheson says, your first step, sir, will be to demand that the Soviets withdraw missiles within 12 to 24 hours. Soviets could be OPS. They are not, but they could be. He then says, President, they will refuse. When they do that, you order strikes followed by an invasion. They will resist and be overrun. They will retaliate against and target elsewhere in the world. We will honor our treaty commitments and resist them there, defeating them with our plans. Kennedy says, those plans call for nuclear weapons. So what's the next step? Acheson says, perhaps cooler heads will prevail. We would not be here discussing, this particular point in time, what to do but for Senator Chambers' and Raikes' amendment. Omaha Public Schools has been disingenuous with this body, with