

chunk or can the parents of the children transfer property that may be in another part of another school district to their school district?

SENATOR WIITALA: No, they can't. They would have to have a common school boundary represented by two school districts running through their common piece of ground. In other words you couldn't take a platted piece of property that lay totally in one school district, not being subdivided by the two districts' boundaries and put it into another school district. You would have to have that common problem where the boundary itself runs right through your home like maybe between two bedrooms or between your living room and your kitchen.

SENATOR KAHLE: Could you give me an example?

SENATOR WIITALA: Well I don't know if I can give you a specific example but I would say that properties that exist between the Ralston School District and District 66 for the Omaha Public School District and District 66, there are probably a half dozen or a dozen properties that were platted long before the school district boundary was drawn and then the school district...oh, excuse me, the school district boundary was placed there and then the land was platted right over the top of the boundary. So conceivably you know the resident there could almost decide which district they wanted to send their children. If they wanted to they could send children from bedroom A to one district and bedroom B to another district.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well thank you. I think that probably clarifies it a bit. Out where I come from our boundaries are a little more definable I guess. I don't think we have any that goes through a person's house but I guess I am concerned about moving property from one district to the other if it affects the taxing base of either one of them and I don't know how big a question this would be.

SENATOR WIITALA: Senator Kahle, in answer to your question I would just like to say that the real problem lies perhaps more with the parents and allowing them to have a provision where such circumstances occur that through petition they could resolve the issue about where their children should go and it would also give a little bit more stability to the school districts as far as where those children from that residence are going to go in the future.

SENATOR KAHLE: I might ask one more question. To your knowledge was there any opposition to the bill in hearing?