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LB 207

SENATOR HORGAN: ...that they reside in the Omaha Public School system.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will these families be situated exactly as they were prior to the adoption of your amendment if we strike it?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, they would except...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now because it's my time, not to cut you off to keep you from answering, is the situation that they find themselves in, without this amendment the one they bargained for and agreed to?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I believe the same can be said about those families in Lincoln, and although I don't know it for a fact, I would suspect that there are some big shots who have got children in the Lincoln schools and they want to keep them there because I know of a family trying to get her child transferred to the Lincoln schools and she was turned down, but the president of the school board in the same district where her child attended was allowed to put his children into the Lincoln Public Schools. I have been scrambling around trying to find out exactly what this Lincoln amendment is, and I don't know whether it relates to the situation I've just described or not, but it does seem close enough to the Omaha situation in terms of giving some people what they did not bargain for while closing off all others. So that I think the Lincoln language...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as well as the Omaha language should be stricken. Give Senator Baack LB 207E which is what he introduced for purposes other than exempting out certain individuals. Then let those people in Omaha and those people in Lincoln bring in a bill on its own, and if the body believes that even though it's unconstitutional they should pass it, you don't jeopardize somebody else's legislation that is broader in its scope than these two cases that we're talking about in Lincoln and Omaha. I think we ought to support Senator Baack's amendment and strike this language. Then you ought to return the bill so that my amendment can be adopted which would also strike the Lincoln language.