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that do special ed. The teachers that work for the nonprofit corporation contributed for a number of years to the school retirement fund and participated. In fact, they did that for six years and then an administrator of the fund decided, for some reason, that they were not eligible and would no longer allow them to participate and contribute. So we want to change the definition with just a couple of words. We're just going to insert so that it's including schools or other entities and we would insert the words other entities established, maintained and controlled by the school boards of local school districts and schools under the control of the Nebraska...management of the Nebraska state colleges and Board of Regents and so forth. It simply broadens that definition so that we can have the teachers who work for that nonprofit corporation controlled exclusively by public school districts eligible to participate in the teachers' retirement fund, something they did for six years under current law but, under a reinterpretation of that by the administrator, they were no longer allowed to participate this year. It's a very limited change and I would urge your support for the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Discussion of the Wickersham amendment. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. A question of Senator Wickersham, if he would yield.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham, would you respond, please?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Wickersham, this applies to the Nebraska teachers' system. Is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Would this apply also to the Omaha Public School retirement system?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I can't tell you. I'm not that much of an authority on that subject. Perhaps...I just have to confess that I do not know. It's applicable to the School Employees Retirement Act, which I think is applicable only to schools outside the Omaha system, but maybe some...I, frankly, do not know.