

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, perhaps someone else will know and speak on this then.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Somebody out there is shaking their head no.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I guess my light is on this time. Omaha and the public system is different so this would not necess...my answer to Senator Pirsch, this would not apply to the Omaha system. However, I do have...and I don't have the amendment in front of me. What page is that on, Senator Wickersham? Pardon? I've been...a little question, I think it says other entities, and when we say other entities I get real scared because that could be a lot more than what we...what we anticipated than a little...one co-op. While I'm stuttering and talking along, can you help me out on that, Senator Wickersham?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, the other entities is modified by established, maintained and controlled by the school boards of local school districts and schools under the control and management of the Nebraska state colleges and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. It's a part of that phrase so it's all modified by that. Whatever these entities are, and I guess they could be partnerships, trusts, I don't think we have any of those, but it is clearly modified by the words established, maintained and controlled by the school boards of local school districts. So these are creatures of those school districts. They control them. They're the ones that created them. They're the ones that maintain them. They're the ones that operate them.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And simply to answer Senator Pirsch's question, I went outside and visited with the representative from the Omaha Public Schools and they said, no, they would not be affected. Senator Wickersham's amendment deals with school districts in a different section of the statutes and, therefore, the Omaha Public Schools would not be included in this amendment.