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SENATOR BOHLKE: Towns of 1,100?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, population.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, it would probably depend on how close other towns were that had major population. I have always said that the schools out in western Nebraska that have done some consolidation and offer quality programs, and that's never been a question with small schools, I've always said I seen quality programs in our small schools.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You think schools can get too large?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I think Chicago has experienced that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How about Omaha?

SENATOR BOHLKE: You know I can't answer. I've heard some of the Omaha and people from Douglas County say that there are too many school districts in Douglas County,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...there are 12 school districts.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You know what I...you know what I'd like to see? I'd like to see them cut up Douglas County into about six school districts, integrate all the systems, and I think down in Lincoln we probably ought to...probably have about...we should probably have about three schools in Lancaster County.

SENATOR BOHLKE: But, Senator Robinson,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I think we'd have better education, I really do.

SENATOR BOHLKE: At what cost?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Sarpy County maybe have two or three.

SENATOR BOHLKE: At what cost?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Huh?