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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: There...there are persons who claim that that would be the result. It is...isn't the history of those kinds of activities, but people claim that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we don't ever consider that realistically, because it would be too politically undesirable in the state of Nebraska to reduce the number of these school districts, many of which were created to be tax havens for people who create them. Is that true?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, your question makes me think that you have tuned out three years of debate. And I don't want to be unkind about that. But we have...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Four years or more I've tuned out.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, you've tuned out, dropped out and tuned out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: But the number of school districts that we have in the state is, for all intents and purposes, now, at least for state aid, is irrelevant. We...when we passed LB 806, I think we had 292 school systems, I think that is now down to something like 258 school systems. That will surely decline further for a variety of reasons. So it really isn't the number of school districts in the state that count, Senator, it's the number of school systems, because we calculate state aid on a systemwide basis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the political pressure comes from school districts. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Excuse me?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Political pressure on the Legislature comes from those individual school districts, because I've been here a long time, and maybe you've tuned out the people who come from these districts, because they find their way to my door. So you don't think that...