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Legislature as long as they weren't elected officials. The specific language in LR 16CA was developed in 19...excuse me, 2001 by a working group that included Senator Schimek, the Government Committee's legal counsel, my staff and representatives from NACO and NSEA, League of Municipalities, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, and the Nebraska Council of School Administrators. The language in LR 16CA addresses concerns about elected officials holding two elected positions, at the local level and in the Legislature. Thank you for your time and patience, and please advance LR 16CA to Select File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. You've heard the opening on advancement of LR 16CA. We are now open for discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, I stand in strong support of LR 16CA and thank Senator McDonald for persisting in this effort. I think it was an important bill to advance and I think that the Government Committee took a lot of care in developing this policy. As was originally brought to us, it would have affected only teachers. And we said, hey, wait a minute, shouldn't this same policy be in effect for other local subdivisions as well? So I just wanted to say thanks to Senator McDonald and to say that I think that this is a good policy decision for the state of Nebraska and I hope that you will support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This issue, I think, is a very important one and I think it's worthy of some discussion. Senator McDonald, would you yield to a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, I'm sorry.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator McDonald, for a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, will you yield to a question from Senator Smith.