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people out there, as this evidence proves, for which the parents cannot be trusted, and this information is passed to the child--it's true, over the objections of some parents--because there are parents who can't be trusted. What are you going to do about them, Senator Foley? What are you going to do about them? That is unanswered in your explanation. I'd like to hear about it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Those senators wishing to speak to the recommitment portion: Senator Smith, followed by Senators Foley, Chambers, Maxwell, Redfield, Friend, and Schimek. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I've been observing the debate here today, and it's been rather interesting. And there was a piece of information that I would like Senator Schimek to clarify, if she would be willing to do so.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schimek, I believe I heard you say earlier that most schools do not have counselors?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is something that was talked about in the debate on LB 425 in 1991. I think a lot of the rural schools, small schools, don't have counselors.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Now, maybe my information is outdated by this time. But I don't think so, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I rise in support of LB 172, in opposition to AM2066 and also the effort to recommit the bill to the committee. I have, I'll call it, limited experience in the education field. And I also remember sitting in the very front row of this Chamber in 1992, this very issue that came up, when I was a page, and the sponsor of the bill, to do what LB 172