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elementary students, whether they are rural or whether they are part of the large Class I, the Valentine Elementary in town. Again, this is misinformation. The law is already in place that requires curriculum coordination of Class I districts. A Class I needs a three-member advisory council, under that law, to meet and communicate with their high school district. This includes affiliated Class I's. This is required in law. So, if this is not being done, then you don't blame the Class I schools and just say there is not curriculum coordination. Someone, either the high school administrator or the school board or, ultimately, the Nebraska Department of Education, is negligent in this matter. And this is something that local citizens...or perhaps this is another...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FISCHER: ...issue that needs to be addressed before this body. We need to find out why this isn't being done. Things are in place in statute currently which address some of these problems, or so-called problems, that we have been listening to on the floor. The state and the Department of Education and this body, we're the ones who should be responsible for seeing that the laws are carried out, so why don't we address that basic issue? Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. On with discussion. Senator Hudkins, on the McDonald amendment.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, would like to address the letter that Senator Stuhr received from someone in Madison County. The writer said that children have the right to go to a K-12 school. You know, they also have a right of option and choice, and that option and choice just might be a Class I school. She also...well, I'm assuming it's a she; you never know...the writer also said "white flight." Look at the demographics in our state. How many schools are actually affected by minority...not "affected." Not a good choice of words. How many schools have minorities populations? There are getting to be more, but these schools, these Class I schools, are bound to accept students if they have room. If there is a Hispanic student, a Chinese student, a