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I wouldn't want to say they were flawed, but I just would say that they've been slanted to make it look like that this is something that would help them. Also, I passed around one paper that came from Dawes County up there, and if you notice, there's various races and that sort of thing in the Class I's that are affiliated out there, and you'll notice that there's Native Americans that are opting into the Class I's. So I think when you look the whole thing over, with what it's going to cost to implement LB 126, what it's going to cost to the local communities that are involved with that, I don't see where it's going to help us any. When he talks about \$12 million savings, that's a pie in the sky figure that they just grabbed from the seat of their pants. There's no...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator McDonald, followed by Senator Fischer.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I stand to tell you there's a technical error on my amendment. It has taken, on page 46, line 11, after "means," insert "(i)"; and in line, should be 14 rather than line 12, after "counted," insert the amendment. So that's just a technical error on my I apologize for that. But getting back to the state statutes that we have that involves enrollment option program, and I'm reading from that state statute, and that state statute is 79-234: An enrollment option program is hereby established to enable any, and I will emphasize "any," kinderdergarten through 12th grade...12th grade Nebraska student to attend a school in a Nebraska public school district in which the student does not reside, subject to the limitations described. student chooses to option, and that's "any" student chooses to option, they have the opportunity to option. Why couldn't somebody option into a different district? There are various reasons. We're saying that only certain people will adoption...will go for option enrollment. The reason that is, some of them choose to do that because they need the learning environment of that different district, and some reasons they