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and whatever, to try to draw students from one public school into another school, which, my belief, is a waste of money that should be directed to other educational uses. So again, that is my argument as to why this particular amendment is not a good one, takes us in the wrong direction. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Raikes. Thank you, Senator Raikes. On with discussion of the McDonald amendment. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. As we have been talking about this issue, I have been listening very carefully, but I have not entered into the debate. One of the things that I feel it's important to talk about is in fact the option opportunities that are available right now in urban areas. Because there's been discussion about that. And I actually brought out the state report card for the metro area in Douglas County and Sarpy County, and looked at the number or percentage of students who are actually on reduced or free lunch programs. And you will find that in fact, most of our school districts do have a high proportion of students. So if you're looking across the spectrum of all of the available school districts to you in the metro area, you would find that in fact, yes, you could elect to go out to perhaps the Ralston school district, where the smallest proportion of needy students is actually 19 percent at one of their elementary schools. Or you could end up at another one of their elementary schools, with 55 percent of their students at the low-income rate. Or you could in...excuse me, you could choose instead to go to Westside. Everyone knows that Westside has a great program, and everyone assumes that that's a very wealthy school district. And in fact, there is a school there, an elementary school, that only has 9 percent of its students that are on free or reduced lunch. But they also have schools there, elementary schools, that have 28 percent, another at 28 percent, and another at 54 percent free or reduced lunch. If you go out to the Millard school district you will find one, one school in the entire metro area, that has 0 percent students on free or reduced lunch. If you were to elect to go to the Millard school district, it's very unlikely that that would be the elementary school you would be able to attend. You might end up at one