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the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Heidemann. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Langemeier.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in the McDonald...I rise in support of the McDonald amendment, because I believe that option enrollment is good for Nebraska, good for the students, primarily. My concerns with LB 126, I want to emphasize, are the fact that it is attempting to create a one-size-fits-all approach, that if a school board has a jurisdiction of kindergarten through 12th grade, automatically there's quality, higher-quality education offered. That's not true. I don't see where there is any research to say that higher-quality education comes from boards that get to hire kindergarten teachers and high school advanced math teachers. I don't see that happening. I was approached quite a while ago about someone saying, we need to limit the number of school districts so we can save on administration. I passed out some materials on the first day of this discussion that very vividly pointed out, in Nebraska, that the fewer number of districts that we have in Nebraska, the more administrators we have, as well. That concerns me a great deal. It concerns me a great deal, as well, when approximately 60-some percent of spending for a certain school district is spent on instruction, instead of 80 or 90 percent. There are a lot of grants that we have in Nebraska that limit administrative costs to 5 and 10 percent. Imagine if we faced administrative costs at 40 percent; that concerns me a lot. And it concerns me a lot when you look at the Lincoln Public Schools administration building, that just so happened to be vacated by a company who had headquarters for a four-state area, and now it's full of administration for one district out of the entire state of Nebraska, albeit a large district. I think that LB 126 will actually lead to more administration when all is said and done. At least, the trend certainly heads in that direction. And that's one that doesn't help children. It doesn't help strengthen families, and it doesn't look at the overall quality of education offered in Nebraska. I appreciated the cartoon that Senator Schimek handed out last week, or the week before, about thinking outside the box, Senator Schimek. And it has a cat sitting beside its