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that, because the more options we provide, the better off we all are. When we have public education with option enrollment as our policy for a long time--and I would say it's been working--the competition between these public school districts is healthy. I think the competition between high schools in a larger school district is healthy. We don't want to build up walls to separate those either. When I hear that Lincoln Public Schools wants to establish a special program in downtown Lincoln, establishing, like, a technology high school, I don't criticize that. In fact, I appreciate that,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...because I think it's thinking outside the box. That's healthy. Those provide options...that strategy provides options to the students, and the students benefit the most from that. I understand they want to do entrepreneurship as the next project. That's great. That provides options. All I ask for are options across the state. I think it's wonderful that Lincoln Public Schools can provide those options of extracurricular activities as well. We have districts in western Nebraska that share not only facilities, but athletic programs. Scottsbluff and Gering come together to be the same swim team. They only want to maintain one swimming facility. It's the local option for Lincoln Public Schools to have a pool at every high school. That's their option. Now, please allow for options across rural Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Senator Langemeier. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of LB 126 and amendment to it, Senator Louden, followed by Senator Kruse. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. As I listen to the discussion this morning on LB 126, how it goes part, and also yesterday, I...the Schuyler school district was always brought up several times. So I was wondering, may I ask Senator Raikes a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you may. Senator Raikes, are you available? Senator Raikes, are you...Senator Raikes, would you