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to me now as to the directions that we need to go. Thank you, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bourne a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, were you asked to bring this amendment?

SENATOR BOURNE: Actually, I was not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So who drafted it?

SENATOR BOURNE: My staff, Lisa and...Lisa Johns, my...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. But it didn't come from the Omaha Public Schools.

SENATOR BOURNE: No, it did not. Now I will tell you, Senator Chambers, and I think that Senator Stuhr and other members of the Retirement Committee would vouch for this, after...well, during the hearing, I asked one of the representatives, I believe from the school board administrators, if this...they had asked for a delay in the enactment of this increase, and I asked them during the hearing, if we remove that from the levy, would that help, and they both...they said yes. And so, actually, I'm...while I think the Omaha School District and the other school districts are supportive of that, it was my idea, for better or worse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm proud of you, Senator Bourne, but I still don't think that I'm going to support it. I was just curious about the role of the Omaha Public School District, because having read the petition that they filed in joining the