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lawsuit against the state, if I had the time or if I could raise the money to hire adequate legal counsel, the racism, the discrimination, the unfair rendering of educational opportunity found in the Omaha Public School System, acknowledged in its petition, would smash that school and put them in a position where a court would order them to do what they ought to be doing for all students. Those who don't live in Omaha may have read about the concept of magnet schools. This is where they will place a building in an area deemed by the schools and the majority population, I'll use that term so that my colleagues of the Caucasian persuasion will not get jumpy and nervous, but when I tell you what the euphemism means, when I use the euphemism you're going to be as jumpy when you hear that as when you would have heard the other name, just as I'm resentful when they in the school system want to apply the term "academy" to the segregated intentionally inferior schools in the black and poor areas of the city. Calling it an academy does not alter what it is and the damage that it does to these children. they will place a building in these undesirable areas, as they're deemed to be by the majority population and the school officials, and put offerings that are not made available in the schools in that area, period, and one or two offerings that might not be available in all of the schools in the favored areas, which would be the areas where the majority population My feeling is that once a school district establishes anywhere in that district the type of education and the quality of education it is capable of delivering and is delivering on a piecemeal basis, that should be the standard of education for every child served in that district, and it certainly should not be a situation where schools are placed in the disadvantaged areas and the children in those areas cannot go to that school. In their area, they cannot go. So it's like putting a catering service in the midst of an impoverished area, where the people are wracked...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by hunger every day, and all of those delectable aromas of cooking food will waft throughout that area, but the poor people are told, but you cannot come here and eat; we're going to put it here so that people from the other