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overtaxing of administrative authority, if you will, in the Douglas County area. And I couldn't agree more. I actually put a bill in a couple of years ago that would have, if it would have passed, had us take a serious look at the possibility of moving towards a school system in the state of Nebraska which would look at a one school district per county concept. I think there's value in studying that and moving in that direction. Quite frankly, I think it's ridiculous, it's ridiculous that Douglas County, which is geographically, if not the smallest, one of the smaller counties in our state, and we got eight school districts in the county. I just think that's outrageous. I think it's ridiculous. But right now we're not discussing that. Right now we have LB 126 and it is...what I would like to see happen is to maximize and to direct our existing educational resources and to maximize them for the classroom. And I think that LB 126 moves us in that direction. I think it's a step in the right direction. I support LB 126. I would have a question for Senator Loudon relative to his amendment, if he would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Loudon, would you yield to a question from Senator Synowiecki?

SENATOR LOUDON: Yes, I would.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Loudon, this amendment, AM1217, was this a bill that you introduced in the session or did this have a committee hearing and so forth?

SENATOR LOUDON: No. This is an amendment to LB 126. This came about as some of our, as I say, our common-sense committee had come together with some of the ideas and propositions that we thought we needed that we could improve LB 126, if there is such a thing.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Well, thank you, Senator Loudon. I was just wondering if this originated as a bill early on in the session. And again, I'm just interested to maximize directing our existing educational resources to the classroom and to lessen our administrative burdens. And that's what I want to see done. That's why I think LB 126 moves us in that direction. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.