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all probably getting a little testy, and we're working under the gun, and we have a number of bills that are very controversial that are coming up. This is an important issue. We talked about economic incentives. Schools in rural Nebraska are the biggest employers in their areas. You want to talk about economic incentives, then you leave these schools open and you leave them so they can manage and remain open.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FISCHER: We heard from Senator Brown this morning who entered the discussion. Earlier when we had this discussion in February and different allegations were thrown about on the floor, I pointed to Omaha Westside. And we're talking about governance, and Senator Brown talked about governance this morning and how this would lead to efficiencies and this would lead to accountabilities. And I agree with Senator Synowiecki. You know, let's look at where the inefficiencies are. And truly for the state of Nebraska, for all the people in Nebraska, where's the accountability to allow District 66 to exist in the center of OPS in the center of Omaha? Where's the accountability to the people of the state on that one? On this amendment we do have what we considered concessions. We have that the Class I's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Fischer.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Flood and others on AM1217.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I yield my time to Senator Smith.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, almost 5 minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and Senator Erdman. I rise in support of Senator Louden's amendment and that is not to simply put a roadblock to LB 126, but Senator Louden's amendment is a very good faith effort at a compromise. And I would