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the systems that began 60 years ago and has continued without exception, without exception, over the past six days...or, excuse me, six...(laugh) six decades. (Laughter) Senator Synowiecki is always distracting me here. This is a practice that has continued over six decades. It is not new. It is not unusual. It is not extraordinary, what I'm asking for. I listened to Senator Kopplin. I sit next to him on the Education Committee. I appreciate his words. He's a former superintendent. But I don't agree with him that this is something out of the ordinary. Oftentimes people ask me what's the environment of the Legislature like.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: And I say, well, you know, it's really pretty nonpartisan, and I said, but there is an urban-rural split in here, and I think frankly that's what we're seeing this morning. I think we're seeing some anti-Omaha animosity, for whatever reason, and that bothers me. I have been a state senator first, and an Omaha senator second throughout my entire career here, and that continues this morning. And I will tell you, if we were in a different set of circumstances where we were contributing to the Omaha employees and not to the state employees, I would be the one carrying the amendment that would provide parity to the other state employees. This is about equity. It's about fairness. There is no fiscal impact until we, the Legislature, decide, by using an actuarial study, that the state system needs some extra money. So when Senator Wehrbein gets up and he reads the..several numbers off a fiscal note, that does not relate...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...to this amendment. There is no fiscal impact.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm going to have to disagree with a couple of the statements that Senator Bourne just said. He emphasized that