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question?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah. Senator Bourne, with OPS in retirement plan, can teachers belong to that retirement plan, say, work there for a few years and then go out and get a job in some other school system and then belong to the other Nebraska retirement plan? Can they belong to both retirement plans?

SENATOR BOURNE: I think, I will double-check this, Senator Louden, but I think what would happen if you had an Omaha teacher that was in the retirement plan in Omaha and then took a job in McCook or Gering or whatever, I think that the monies that they would have in the Omaha plan would transfer to the new plan, but let me double-check that. But that's how it works in general employment when you work for an employer.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now, but would they still be...I presume, the Omaha retirement plan is similar to the state one where the school districts pay part of the retirement and the teachers pay the other part of it. Is that right?

SENATOR BOURNE: Absolutely. And the reason that the Omaha plan is separate is because they started in 19...I believe it was 1909. The Omaha Public Schools started their plan long before the state plan was developed, and they just were never merged. So it's as similar in function as the large number of school districts we have. If you recall when the state was a territory, we had all kinds of private school districts and then...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah. Now are the...are the contributions comparable, the same percentage-wise?

SENATOR BOURNE: You mean from the state, or from the teachers?

SENATOR LOUDEN: From the state and the Omaha, yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'll be honest with you, Senator, I don't know. I'll check on that as well.