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few questions and I don't know exactly which one of the individuals who's been talking about it. Senator Stuhr, before you...Senator Stuhr, before you leave, would you...would you yield to a couple questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Bourne just mentioned an amount that the Omaha Public Schools contributed. Is that over and above the contribution rate that is the general contribution rate that they make?

SENATOR STUHR: I believe you would have to ask Senator Bourne that question.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Bourne, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR BROWN: Is the amount that you talked about over and above the normal contribution rate that the...that OPS makes to the fund?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes, that is my understanding, that under current law, the employee in the Omaha system is required to pay 6.3 percent of pay and the school district, so the employer, is also required to pay 6.3 percent of pay, plus though an actuarial recommendation. And so it is they pay the 6.3 percent, plus these \$3.2 million in '03, \$3.5 million in '04, and \$3 million in '05. So it is in addition to their statutory obligations, so it's an additional influx of cash.

SENATOR BROWN: And because you've been talking quite a bit about equity, are the plans comparable with the exception of the contribution rate?

SENATOR BOURNE: Actually, Senator Brown, you probably have to