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discussion after committee discussion after committee discussion, and I kept saying, we need to discuss this. This has got to be a component. Omaha cannot resolve this issue in a vacuum. They cannot resolve this by themselves. And to this end, the amendment that I came up with for discussion this morning goes, in part, as follows: Every school building in every school district in the learning community, except those whose enrollment is made up of exclusively special ed students or students enrolled in specific remedial alternative education programs, regardless of race or socioeconomic status, has a racially and socially, economically diverse student population. Any individual resident of a member school district--so any school district within the learning community--may institute legal action to enforce the integrative requirements of this section. For purposes of remedial court action to achieve the integrative requirements of this section, the learning community shall be considered one school district. We are a community. We are one community, whether or not we call it the Omaha Public Schools, the Millard schools, the Ralston schools, we are all in this together. We need to do what is right for our kids, and I suggest that the discussion begin here with this amendment, and I bring that to your attention, for your discussion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on AM3005 to the committee amendments. Open for discussion. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This morning is the first opportunity I've had to get any information on the amendments to LB 1024, so I'm just trying to absorb those, and certainly the subsequent amendments, as well. I rise with concern that there might be additional administrative costs and additional costs to the taxpayers because of what I see as a new bureaucracy. But I'll certainly reserve my ultimate judgment for the appropriate time. Would Senator Raikes yield to some questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question of Senator Smith?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.