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maintain the Omaha community's concept of education across the board being a positive thing, a thing that draws people and keeps people in the community. And right now, I'm very worried about the splintering. The other thing that other people in this body, who are not a part of the Omaha community angst that is going on right now, should be concerned about is that the Bourne amendment presumes not only litigation that would involve the school districts in the metropolitan area, but it would also involve the state of Nebraska. And I think that what we should be doing is working with LB 1024, working with Senator Raikes to try to arrive at something that is going to prevent litigation, is going to keep the community together, and ask the suburban districts, as I believe LB 1024 does, to be involved with the urban district in making sure that all children have the best opportunities for educational success. And I, even though I may find fault with little pieces of LB 1024, I think that, by and large, it does that, and so I will be opposing the Bourne amendment, because I think that the presumption is just exactly the opposite of why I would even spend any time considering LB 1024.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: It is the idea that a community resolves its problems by working together, not by litigation, and that's why I will work with Senator Raikes to pass LB 1024, because I think that it provides us a mechanism to do that, absent litigation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Kopplin, followed by Senator Howard and others.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I stand in opposition to Senator Bourne's amendment, at least for now. I'm willing to listen to some things and discuss some things. I did not vote to advance this bill from committee. I respect the work of Senator Raikes and his staff in trying to reach a solution to the hostile takeover plans of Omaha Public Schools. I don't know if I will vote for the bill. As written, it does not serve the district I represent well. I will have to see where the amendments take this piece of legislation. There are