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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kopplin, I now have AM3072.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kopplin, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: I would request that this be taken up on the next...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Select File?

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Select File, excuse me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cornett would move to amend, AM3033. (Legislative Journal pages 1421-1423.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CORNETT: Good afternoon, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Today I'm bringing forward AM3033 to discuss the issue of boundaries. Boundaries, fixed boundaries are part of what have led to the problem that we are facing here today. My district in particular is affected by a boundary issue that we have been unable to resolve, and because of a court agreement, are unable...my district, or my school district is unable to speak to me. I just wanted to explain a little bit to the body today what position Bellevue faces. Currently, the Bellevue School District is restricted by agreement that was reached in 1983. When that agreement was made, no one foresaw the incredible growth in Sarpy County. Because of this unprecedented growth, the agreement has become antiquated. The boundary issue needs to be revisited for the benefit of the city and of the school district. If left in place, the antiquated agreement will seriously impact the school district, the students, and the taxpayers as a whole. The current agreement leads to confusion and inefficiencies between the districts as the boundaries are. People buying houses in the affected area are not always aware of the boundary agreement and assume they will be in the Bellevue School District. One might argue, should they research the bond...they should research the bond issue before buying a house. You must remember, though, a lot