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think for diversification throughout the whole learning community.

SENATOR RAIKES: Oh, absolutely. We're really talking here, again, about the control of the public schools in a particular community. The people in that community control the schools. It certainly doesn't mean that that school serves only the students in that community, particularly if that sort of an arrangement results in segregation or whatever the appropriate term is.

SENATOR JENSEN: So if LB 1024 were to go forward, this would really not be all that different than a Westside or a Ralston within that...within...

SENATOR RAIKES: Not at all, not at all. It'd be much the same.

SENATOR JENSEN: So it's unique but then again it's not all that different than what we're talking about.

SENATOR RAIKES: Right.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. I think it is a unique program. I think it deserves consideration. I'm pleased to see Senator Chambers come forward with something like this. Without a doubt for a district to have its own school board, to be responsive to the needs of that area, that citizens, and who can make those decisions better than those individuals? I think it deserves support. At this point in time, I feel that I can support that and will certainly listen to the rest of the debate. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion to AM3142, Senator Pahls.

SENATOR PAHLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I just have some data that I'm not going to read, but I just...I'm going to ask the question because needless to say, I have immersed myself in lots of material. Have you had the opportunity to read the brief of the lawsuit that Omaha has against the state of Nebraska? I will not read it now, but if I were a patron,