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why should they when, in fact, they have been so cost effective and they have delivered such good academic results. Mainly because I thought it was a question of fairness. If I was asking OPS to give up something based on national data, then it was unfair for me not to require it of my own districts. The Ralston and Elkhorn School Districts were not 4,000 students and, in fact, they were being asked to grow in order to fit into the parameters of LB 1167. Again, that is not here before us in Senator Chambers' amendment, but clearly it's something that we can talk about and address, certainly in the future, if not this year. I'm really proud of every one of my districts. I represent four. I think they do an excellent job with the tools that they have. I think they have a hard task before them. Today delivering education is not as it once was. Families are busier. Both parents are often working. Sometimes there's only one parent, and they're hard-pressed to sit down and do homework with their student at night. All the more reason why we should create the optimum-size district and the optimum resources for those school districts to deliver a quality education. We can't ask parents to do it all. We can't ask teachers to do it all. But working together I think we can do it all. I again ask you to support the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Brown, Beutler, Bourne, Schimek, Erdman, Kruse, Pahls, and Synowiecki. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to make it clear that people can ask me any question about any aspect of this that I'm talking about which is on their mind. I want as complete a record as is possible. And the only way that can happen is my trying to anticipate what might be a question or your asking it and I answer it. But to carry a step further what Senator Pahls was mentioning, because I've talked about it frequently, if we would take the petition that the Omaha Public Schools filed as a part of a lawsuit to try to get more state aid, I could take that petition as admissions against their own interest and show how they're cheating these students, not doing their job, and I think it would be a perfect petition to just caption a different way,