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SENATOR BEUTLER: We're not going to be able to do it, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senators. Senator Bourne. Senator Bourne is recognized to speak next, followed by Senator Erdman, Kruse, and Pahls.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I am not an expert in educational law, but I am a lawyer. I read the Milliken v. Bradley case. It, to me, is absolutely clear that if we go forward with this amendment that we are adopting...we are, as a state, adopting an action that encourages segregation. That is my opinion. I have not talked to the OPS lobbyists at length about this. I have read this case...I've read the case as it relates to my amendment regarding the integration amendment that I had the other day. There is no doubt in my mind, and I have not heard anyone on the floor dispute that this is not a state action that actually encourages segregation. I listened with interest to Senator Redfield, stand up and talk about how it's appropriate to break up the Omaha Public School District into small districts because they're no...because they're more efficient, even though she knows that they...of the large minority population in Omaha, but she does not make the same argument for the Millard School District, which is predominantly white. I can't even believe that we are, as a Legislature, discussing this. If you don't think that this is a state action that encourages segregation, I think you're mistaken. I'm not disputing what Senator Chambers says, but you have got to exercise caution when you are separating out a segment of Omaha that is predominantly minority and saying that, in and of itself, is one school district. I think if you read the case law, I personally am comfortable. It is extremely clear that that is state action that encourages segregation. I don't intend to support the amendment. I'm kind of surprised, to be honest with you, that it is here. We never discussed this in our committee. While the concept, you might argue, came from Senator Redfield's bill, she did not discuss districts that are predominantly minority in her bill, that I recall. And I will tell you the Exec Committee never, to my recollection, discussed