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district. That depends upon the people. And I certainly have no less representation in my district affairs now than when I was in a small district. I want to make clear that the real problem is breaking my local school off of its base. My local neighborhood school is a grade school. It's well past 95 percent black. And this amendment will tear it off of its base. It's getting a new school built there by west Omaha. There's no way on God's green earth we could build it ourselves. And it's being done by the whole district, willingly, in a massive vote that passed all the way across. They are giving to us a facility that we could not afford for ourselves. this is to go forward, then who's going to pay for it? I hope you all got your hearing aides on. You are going to pay for it. West Omaha is off the hook, but the Legislature is on the hook to take care of these low-base districts, and these would be that compounded. Now I want to emphasize here--and I've said it enough times I hope people, everybody, knows--that from day one oppose boundary change, absolutely oppose boundary change, have consistently, in the west and in the east. I have a question here. And if some...don't have time enough to do a dialogue on it, so I'll just state that my reading of the bill says that OPS input has 1 vote out of 11 on its breakup, unless there is no plan developed; then it has no input at all, gets kicked over to the state. I'm wondering what that feels like to anybody else around here. Let me put another face on it. This amendment puts most of the minority people in the state with a one-eleventh vote in their future. Most of the minority people in the state will have 1 vote out of a council of 11 on what's We are trying to move as a city. And you know, to happen. there's a lot of grumping about OPS and OPS brought this on themselves. I don't...(laugh) I don't challenge that. But now let's look at Omaha. This amendment redivides Omaha into north Omaha, south Omaha, and west Omaha. We've been trying to get past that. We have gotten past it. We are one city. We move that way.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: We think that way. We work that way. But this would cause it not only to be separated by schools but by movement of home purchases and so on. The people are going to