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please check in. Senator Schimek, Senator Stuhr, Senator Landis, Senator Heidemann, Senator Friend, Senator Foley. House is under call. All unexcused members please report and check in. Senator Heidemann, Senator Landis, Senator Schimek, Senator Friend. Senator Landis and Senator Friend. All members are present or accounted for. We are voting on ceasing debate. Mr. Clerk, when you get ready, call the...or taking call-in votes, rather.

CLERK: Senator Stuthman voting yes. Senator Landis voting yes. Senator Cunningham voting yes. Senator Brown voting yes. Senator Mines voting yes. Senator Stuhr voting yes. Senator Dwite Pedersen voting yes. Senator Kremer voting yes. Senator Schrock voting yes. Senator Fischer voting yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Bourne, recognized to close.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, this amendment...or, yes, this amendment is what I would call a nonseverability clause. The act, it would say, if adopted, this act is a complete act and its provisions inseverable. If any provision is declared unconstitutional, the entire act is invalid. And then it would say renumber the sections accordingly. I do believe what we put on there earlier, Senator Chambers' amendment, no matter how well-intentioned, is in fact a state act designed to encourage or increase segregation. I, frankly, I regret voting the bill out of committee. I find it interesting that those people that stepped up and supported the amendment were from the suburban coalition. That raises questions in my mind. I'm wondering why we're breaking up the Omaha Public School District when we're not doing the same thing to Millard, West Side, Ralston, Gretna, wherever else you want to talk about. It really doesn't even make sense what we've done here. Again, I regret voting the bill out of committee. I did so in good faith. This issue, the Chambers amendment, the Chambers-Raikes amendment, was never discussed. I don't believe