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this whole bill, and I hope that everyone has a clear understanding. I know it's taken me awhile to process how this would work and how it would equate out, as well as the decision-making power with the 11-member council. So I appreciate your patience and I appreciate your explanation of this matter. Thank you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. You're welcome.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I'd like to have Senator Chambers yield to a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You and I had talked off mike about...or actually, I asked you a question and you responded, and I'd like to do it maybe on mike so that I have a full understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MINES: This has to do with the original premise that OPS used in their one city, one school proposal, and if in fact OPS chooses to follow through with their action and file suit, based on the hundred-year-old law, they believe they win, and I know the suburban districts believe they win, but if a case is filed in court, does that render what we do here today moot?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think by the time the issue comes before the court, the original issue they raise may be moot, because there may be additional work on this bill which would repeal that 1891 law. I would have opposed the repeal.

SENATOR MINES: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I was the one who had stated strongly, and people knew that I'd be able to do it, that I would fight