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reconsideration motion, and if it's not adopted, I personally feel we have an obligation to do everything we can to assure that LB 1024 does not advance.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Flood.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Bourne a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, does racial segregation exist in OPS now?

SENATOR BOURNE: I believe that there are areas of Omaha Public Schools that are predominantly black or predominantly minority, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are present attendance areas for high schools that currently exist unconstitutional in your opinion?

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't believe they are because there is no law that sets them out similarly to what you have proposed in your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if they exist and the public schools drew them, that is state action, isn't it?

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't believe that the public schools, Omaha Public Schools, have drawn boundaries that segregate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there are boundaries drawn by the public school system and if they segregate, that is official state action, isn't it, by the school?

SENATOR BOURNE: If there are boundaries drawn by any governmental entity that segregate, that would be