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the public, their public, and with the other school districts. As we recall in 2004, we no more than closed the door on our session and OPS filed their annexation plan, caught everyone off guard. And to me, what's going to happen is if we don't have some way to bring OPS to the table, i.e., the Senator Raikes-Senator Chambers amendment, they won't do it. They won't come to the table, I'm convinced. They've shown no good faith in their dealings with this body to date and I truly believe that if we don't do something, they will file suit as soon as we adjourn, claiming that we couldn't solve it. They must be right. At that point, I have no doubt that the coalition of Millard, Westside, Ralston, and Elkhorn will then file a petition and...a petition initiative to change our 100-year-old law. And I have no doubt they'll get the signatures. And at that point, we have nuclear meltdown. We don't have cooler heads prevailing. Let us not forget ever that this is about money, this is about power, and all sides...no one is exempt from this. All sides are guilty of protecting their turf because, not because of the children, it's about money. Today is the final day that anything can happen and I would echo what you've heard so far. I would like to see us to do a king's X, a time-out until next session, give all parties time to come back together, and come up with a solution. I will not support the reconsideration motion. I don't like the Senator Chambers amendment necessarily, but it brings OPS back. I don't like LB 1024. I don't like another overlay of government, more money thrown at a problem that we don't know that that's the right fix. I would prefer to see all parties come together over the interim, come back, negotiate in good faith...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MINES: ...and let's not drop the nuclear bomb on this particular issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Louden and others.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Much like Senator Flood last week, I didn't vote on Senator Chambers' amendment. I even talked to Senator