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it makes especially good sense, particularly when you're dealing with sparse or very sparse districts which may be interested in this sort of an arrangement, and several ones in your area, I know, would fit that category.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes. In fact, the district I represent, I think we only have one district that isn't classified sparse or very sparse in the whole deal. And that's what I was wondering about, if something like this could be amended in along the way here someplace so we could probably use it out in the western part of the state. What Omaha wants to do with theirs, I'm sure there's enough senators involved here that they know how to work this thing around and go with it. So at the present time I don't think I'll vote for the reconsider motion. I'd rather see this bill move forwards and see if there's something we can do to unscrew the job you did last year on our school systems out west. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Howard, followed by Senator Pahls.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I stand in support of Senator Cornett's motion to reconsider. Senator Cornett was absent for valid reasons. She was unable to attend due to health considerations and I think it's certainly worthy of her to bring in this question to reconsider. I've often learned that it's good to step back from an issue and take a look. We've had three days to hear from constituents, to get some more information, and I've received...I've received many, many e-mails on this. I was present when there was a meeting last night with a group of constituents who were very concerned about this issue and expressed this to me. I think it's interesting to note that Senator Kopplin and I were the two individuals that voted for this bill not to come out of committee. It's interesting, not in terms of we were the two that voted against it coming out, but that our districts are probably the furthest apart of any two districts that are being discussed right now. My district is inner city Omaha; Senator Kopplin's district is Gretna, primarily. But we both agreed this bill has too many aspects to it, too many parts, too many pieces to be addressed to do so in the brief period of time we