TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

April 10, 2006 LB 1024

achieve through their anchor system or through their magnet system, they are getting some level of integration. I can speak to that. I know for a fact that there are youngsters that live in south Omaha that attend high schools with the OPS District outside of the south Omaha area. And because my daughter is a student at South High, I know for a fact that there are youngsters from other areas of our city west of 72nd Street that attend South High. If we adopt the Chambers amendment, we're giving up on that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And, quite frankly, what OPS was trying to arrive at was they were landlocked. They were becoming, or they have become a minority majority district and they needed the blending, the non...or the white student or the more affluent areas of town, so this integration plan can continue and that they can continue to have integration. I know for a fact from personal experience that there are youngsters in south Omaha who go to different schools, and what we're going to do here...high schools, public high schools other than South High, and what we're going to do here is say we give up on that and that you're going to make it more difficult for these youngsters to go to these other schools. And, yes, Senator Chambers, they may attend any school, but I just think that the practicality of this is that it's not going to be done, and the practicality of is that youngsters that now...that now move from different areas of town, attend different OPS high schools, wherewithal of that or the availability of that will be ... will be diminished, will be diminished with the Chambers amendment. Thank you. And thank you, Senator Howard.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki, Senator Howard. Senator Pahls, followed by Senator Connealy, Smith, Engel, and Redfield, and others.

SENATOR PAHLS: Mr. President, members of the body, doggone it, I thought I had the answer. I told Senator Chambers that the law of 1891 was no longer in effect because of all the things that have happened since 1891, but I got to wait till another time to discuss that. Because of the turn of events, I think I