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the beginning, something that kicks up dust, fine; but I couldn't imagine anybody staying with it. I have my own plan, my own secret plan. I'm sorry none of you have asked me about it. (Laugh) I would peel off pieces of OPS and give it to the surrounding districts. And look what it would do. It wouldn't increase administration and all that. You know, two extra districts, for crying out loud, what are we talking about here? I would do that. For a district that has only a white high school, I'd give them a black high school, and then I'd tell them to have at it; let's see how you do this. And that's not cynical. I think they would do it well. But I haven't promoted that because there is an even better...well, there's a better thought in Senator Redfield's bill of smaller districts. I support that. But there's even better proposal that's already in LB 1024 and that is a cap, 25,000 cap.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: All you have to do, if that's what you really want to do with OPS, I'd hope after a cooling off you get tired of kicking them and trying to belittle them, as we back off and say what's the best thing, if that's what you really think is the best judgment for OPS then put a cap. Mandate that cap, mandate it. Then Senator Chambers is going to have a district very close to his liking, Senator Redfield is going to have smaller districts, and Lowen isn't going to worry about how are we going to pay for this in the future when we have to build two new administration buildings. Because guaranteed, folks, if we split them up, that's what we're going to do. These new districts that did not want to come into existence are not going to be a happy field for floating a bond issue to build a new building. Therefore, I urge that we, through any of these vehicles...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...that are in front of us, that we back up on this and take a better look at our education. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. The next five