

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

April 10, 2006      LB 1024

support...I will not support the reconsideration motion. I think we need more discussion. And I will give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when I was talking about Senator Bourne and who would draw these boundaries, I wanted to show he hadn't read the amendment, because I asked who will draw these boundaries, will the Legislature? He said, yes. I said, no, the Legislature won't. If you read the amendment, you know that's the case. If Senator Synowiecki knew something about the bill instead of letting people tell him, he would know that these children can go to any school they want to. The white kids who go to South High will continue to go there, Senator Synowiecki. If you have children from south Omaha who are going to white schools, they can continue to go. These people have been lied to, because they haven't read the amendment. Every school that a child attends now can be attended under my amendment. Every transfer that is allowed now will be allowed under my amendment. Everything that happens now, including the segregation, remains the same. So what is different and what has OPS upset? Control. The people whose children go to these schools will have control. I want my children to know how to read. I have grown men bringing me problems and I'll say I'm tied up, write it up for me. And you know what he said? Ernie, I can't write. I said, did you graduate? Yeah. I can't write. And I get letters from some college kids. They cannot construct a sentence. They cannot spell. They were passed through school. I'm looking at the reality and I don't want to see generation after generation lost pursuing failed programs implemented by paternalistic white people who've had everything their way. They're the ones who implemented bussing. It failed. Mackiel took it out and reestablished segregation. They have talked about pairing schools, a black one and a white one. That failed. Everything the white people have tried to do has failed because they will not attack the problem of segregation, discrimination, and racism. So there are a lot of cosmetic things done to have a whole lot of activity to make it seem like something is happening, but the same problems that I was