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SENATOR SMITH: Do any districts offer two different tracks, that being half-a-day kindergarten and all-day kindergarten?

SENATOR HOWARD: Well, there are 16 districts that do offer less than 100 percent all-day kindergarten, but most of those 16 districts...of those, almost 90 percent of them are offering all-day kindergarten.

SENATOR SMITH: And when you say 100 percent all-day kindergarten, what do you mean by that?

SENATOR HOWARD: For the districts, the number of districts that I gave you.

SENATOR SMITH: That offer 100 percent all-day kindergarten?

SENATOR HOWARD: Of 294 districts, all of those districts offer all-day kindergarten.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, out of a total of how many?

SENATOR HOWARD: The numbers I have are...

SENATOR SMITH: Potential.

SENATOR HOWARD: I have to add it up here.

SENATOR SMITH: Potential number of districts.

SENATOR HOWARD: Would be the 294 I quoted to you. The 16 districts, and then there are 74 districts that don't offer all-day kindergarten.

SENATOR SMITH: Seventy-four districts do not offer full-day kindergarten.

SENATOR HOWARD: That's correct.

SENATOR SMITH: So...now I was looking at the committee statement, and it only has Lincoln and Omaha school districts coming in, in favor of this. Was there a reason why there