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bargain, no matter how you look at it, said Charles Peters, a former OPS board member. Ross King, OPS attorney at the time, stated in a court filing that the Karen neighborhood did not automatically become a part of the OPS simply because it was annexed. The case was eventually dismissed. Karen district is about 60th and L Street. In 1957, LB 174 by Charles Tvrdik of Omaha, Legislature considers and defeats legislation to clarify provisions relating to potential school district mergers in the metropolitan area; 1958, Millard passes its bond issue; 1959, Millard merges with several rural school districts. In 1960, the second building in Millard is built. Now here are some interesting things. In 1961 and 1963, in three cases the Nebraska Supreme Court was asked to fairly distribute funds among the school districts located with the city of Omaha. Two school districts initiated the suits--Ralston and Westside. The Supreme Court acknowledges in all three decisions that Ralston and Westside are districts that exist within the metropolitan city of Omaha. The decisions contained no hesitancy or questions about the legitimacy of Ralston and Westside to receive the funds. Basically, these funds were those that were distributed from fines assessed in the municipal courts. In '62, Millard passes a major bond issue. In '63, Millard passes another bond issue. In 1963, the Supreme Court upholds the Westside District exemption. In 1966, Millard passes another major bond issue. In 1968, Millard passes another bond issue. In 1971,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PAHLS: ...Millard is annexed; OPS declines to merge with Millard. In 1972, Millard passes another major bond issue. In 1972, LB 661 by Senator Elmer Wallwey of Emerson, the Legislature rewrites the definition of the districts qualifying for caucus election. Now we start getting into some interesting things. In 1973, Senator David Stahmer of Omaha introduced LB 300 to consolidate the metropolitan school districts. That same year the Governor, J.J. Exon, said that was a mistake. In 1973, Millard...excuse me, in 1976 Millard passes another major bond issue of \$11 million. In 1978, Legislature rewrites the definition of the school districts qualifying for caucus elections to clarify that the statute does not include Millard