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brought? I've been a member of the Education Committee. We've tried diligently to work and to try to find some solutions to the problems that have been presented to us. Again, it's just been a moving target. Every time we come up with something to try and address their needs, then it becomes another issue. I support Senator Chambers' amendment. I don't...what's wrong with local communities controlling their schools? We've talked about segregation. I don't believe that we would be doing anything different than what is being done right now. There is an opportunity for students to transfer to go to other high schools, and I think that's very important. Just a reminder that this bill actually does four things. Yesterday, people said this bill is so complicated, we can't understand it; there's too many issues that we haven't addressed. Basically, the boundaries would remain the same, for the first point. The second point, there would be this learning community council, and we changed that so that that council would begin working in September. The committee also provided that there would be a facilitator, a facilitator from outside the communities, possibly from outstate, that would help. This learning community council would begin in September to start looking and addressing the concerns that have been expressed. There would also be another session then, another interim, that these...that the bill could actually be massaged. There will be a task force that will be set up in...within this learning community to address those issues of segregation. And number four, there will be a high-needs coordinator, and we talked about where should this coordinator be, and the committee decided the best place to have this coordinator would be at the Department of Education so it could serve the needs of all of the students across the state. Basically, those are the four points that this bill covers at this time. Yes, there are pages and pages of more detail, but basically that's what the bill does. I believe that we cannot put this issue off, that we must take action. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Fischer, followed by Senator Pahls.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I haven't spoken yet during this debate because I felt that the