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SENATOR FISCHER:      Senator Pahls, I know you supported LB 126 last year. Would you now support Senator Connealy's amendment to repeal it?

SENATOR PAHLS: Well, the one issue that I would have is whether it's constitutional. That would have to be cleared up for me. And another interesting fact that probably a number of you do not know, I taught for a number of years in a Class I school at Atkinson, Nebraska, so I do have a passion for that. I did grow up in a small town so I do see the issues that are being raised, and I also see that some way this is used...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR PAHLS: Thank you.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Pahls.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, the motion to reconsider the AM3142. Senator Pahls.

SENATOR PAHLS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to continue with my time line. In 1981, LB 16, Steve...Senator Steve Wiitala of Omaha, the Legislature rewrites the definition of a Class III school district to accommodate the anticipated growth of the Millard School District. It's another major change in the law. In 1987, Millard passes another bond issue, over \$8 million; 1991, Millard passes a bond issue, \$27 million; 1992, Millard passes a bond issue, over \$35 million; in 1997, Millard passes a bond issue of \$89 million. Now here's another important piece of legislation. In 1998, LB 1300 was introduced by Senator Kate Witek of Omaha. It was amended into LB 629 by...which bill was carried by Senator LaVon Crosby of Lincoln. This Legislature rewrites the definition of a Class III school district to accommodate the anticipated growth of the Millard School District. These...this is when it is in the city limits of Omaha. And 2005, Millard passes a bond issue of \$78 million. And I'd just like to read this from the World-Herald, June 14. This was a quote from