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former superintendent of OPS. Knutsen said, OPS would have reaped little benefit, financial benefit, from annexing those mainly residential areas. With Millard's enrollment rapidly...rising rapidly, OPS would have borne the cost of building and staffing new schools, so this was not in their benefit. One reason why I'm reading these, I do need to get these in to the...into the minutes, and I think you probably understand why. One more issue that I would like to make sure that gets into the minutes, and I will not read these letters, but these are letters from the Office of the Attorney General. They're addressed to either myself, Senator Rich Pahls, or the law firm of Baird Holm. I would like to make sure that we understand the letter was written on February 3, March 8, and April 6, and these letters are dealing with the open meetings law. And what I'd like to do is just read a...just one or two sections from the letter. We will also point out to the individual members of the board that in light of our discussion and conclusions regarding the agenda in this case, it will be more difficult for them to argue in the future that they did not knowingly violate the open meetings law. And the intent of that is to lay some rules down in the future. Another statement: The notion that the board's resolution to take over schools from the surrounding school district simply emerged fully completed at its June 8 meeting with virtually no discussion by the board, either before or at that meeting, strains believability. In fact, if student assignment plan was an adequate agenda item under the circumstances here, then agenda items such as student lunch plan would have been equally acceptable, based on the theory that adding new schools in areas to OPS would affect the student lunch plan in some way. Again, I would like to make sure that these are read into the record. I know this is disjointed from the amendment we're talking about, but I wanted to make sure that this information was in the record. Also, a little later on, I have much more detail on those four major legislative acts that I would like to discuss. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Bourne.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to ask Senator Connealy about his amendment.