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who we are and why we're passing bills down here. I'm an average person. I didn't come here as a politician, but I can tell you what's happening right now is not good for the average person. I have regrets over LB 126, I'll be honest with you. Knowing what I know now, as Abbie Cornett said, I would take a much harder look at that. I'm going to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Fischer, and I thank her for the work she does.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Fischer, about 1, 40.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Howard. In this discussion, we've heard...we've heard a lot about quality education and taking care of the children, and as I said earlier, those were the same issues that we brought forth last year and it didn't carry...didn't carry much, if any, weight in this Chamber. I guess we should have had...tried to convince Senator Chambers to be the one to introduce an amendment that would have addressed that, because I supported his amendment to divide up the OPS district into three districts, and the main reason, in fact the only reason, I supported that is because all you've ever heard me say when I'm in this Chamber or out of it is that smaller districts are better. When you have smaller districts and you have more boards, you have more parental involvement. We all know the statistics with parental involvement being a guide to the achievement of children. I think there's a lot more going on, though, with Senator Chambers' amendment than just smaller districts, and in the end I don't know what I'm going to do about LB 1024, to be honest with you. What are we...what are we talking about here?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Fischer.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer and Senator Howard. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, the motion to reconsider the vote taken on AM3142. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the