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question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Chambers, we have the option enrollment policy in Nebraska. And so basically a student from one district can transfer to another district. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: And if we have, however, one large district, what is the likelihood of a student opting to go to another building within the same district as compared to a, let's say, a neighboring district or a competing district, if you will, accepting an option student?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would depend, Senator Smith, on what the student who wants to move, his or her parents, what is being sought in the school to which the student would move, as opposed to what is not available in the school where he or she currently is attending. So that is what I think would determine whether the person would opt into a school within the district or into a neighboring district. And to be quite frank with you, I don't know precisely what OPS' policy is for moving from one school to another within the OPS district. But that would be something easily obtainable, that information.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you, Senator Chambers. And it seems that the option enrollment policy has been left out of this discussion. I think the option enrollment policy is a good thing for our public schools in Nebraska because it does create an element of competition between the competing districts and neighboring districts, if you will. And it allows parents and students to have those options. If for some reason they don't like the district in which they reside, in which they elect a school board, they can exercise their option to go to another district. And I think that's healthy. And certainly, certainly if the amendment were adopted, or were left alone, I should say, to LB 1024 and we had a greater number of options in the Omaha area, I think that's healthy. It's achievable to exercise those options and certainly even in a worst-case scenario about where