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why would you vote for cloture? Why would you vote to advance LB 1024? Do you know that any school district in the state doesn't spend 117.65 percent of what they say they will on certain student populations, no matter what the reason, they will be punished by a significant loss of future state aid? Are you aware of that under LB 1024? Do you know that this bill gives vast new authority to the Department of Education to approve expenditures for all school districts in this state? Do you want the state Board of Education having that authority? That's in LB 1024 and you're going to vote for cloture. Do you know that, as I mentioned to Senator Smith, LB 1024 takes away payment for option enrollment students in Douglas and Sarpy County school districts? Option enrollment funding, Senator Smith, is gone in Douglas and Sarpy County. Do you have any idea what the cost to the state will be because of the added transportation obligations as outlined under this bill? If you don't, why would you vote for cloture? Do you know the bill doesn't give any authority to levy the money needed to pay for the programs it mandates? So we're mandating that this learning community have these obligations but we're not giving them funding authority to do it. Do you realize that that is in the bill? We haven't discussed it. Do you know that LB 1024 requires an entire new way of reporting expenditures for every school district in this state? Every school district will be required to report what it has spent on programs and services, which will require a whole new tracking system for every school district. Do you know what the cost to your school district is to do that? If you don't, why would you vote to cloture? Do you know that the learning community, which is really one entity, will be viewed in terms of teacher salary negotiations? Do you know how that would be viewed? I don't. And I would respectfully suggest that you don't either. We have not discussed the bill and yet I hear, I mean, my sense of it is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...is that Senator Cornett's reconsideration motion will not be adopted, even though I will support it and urge you to do so. And I'm afraid, frankly, that we're going to move cloture on this bill in another hour or 40 minutes. You don't even know what's in the bill. You don't know how this