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SENATOR CORNETT: Did you know that Bellevue had increased minority population by 32 percent in ten years?

SENATOR RAIKES: I didn't have that particular fact in mind, no, Senator.

SENATOR CORNETT: Do you realize that under LB 1024 you'll be creating a third minority district?

SENATOR RAIKES: You'll have to explain that one to me.
(Laughter)

SENATOR CORNETT: LB 1024 freezes boundaries, am I correct, for six years?

SENATOR RAIKES: The original version, yes, would do that.

SENATOR CORNETT: And in the current version, what is different?

SENATOR RAIKES: In...the original version, Senator, had that there could be no district greater than 25,000 students, and so by 20--and I believe the year was 13--there had to be a plan submitted to the reorg committee to draw boundaries to meet that criteria. The current version of LB 1024 says that if there is a school district--this is before the...well, even with or without the Chambers amendment, says that if there's a district that has more than 25,000 students, it can't be expanded geographically.

SENATOR CORNETT: And explain the process of that expansion geographically.

SENATOR RAIKES: It would simply mean that the area served by a school district that has more than 25,000 students couldn't be expanded, couldn't be increased.

SENATOR CORNETT: Who makes the decision...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.