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districts, some of our children, are in one fight. It is our responsibility and nobody else's to stop that fight. LB 1024 provides an excellent way of doing that. It provides a learning community in which everyone is fully to the table, which they have not been fully to the table with anything else, even some of these other plans. You've heard my objection to the setting up a black district where I live, without consulting people. I'm still getting letters and calls and so on, saying when do we get a chance to get in on this? Well, they haven't had a chance. The districts have had a chance to do something about it, but they have not exercised it, and friends, I just tell you from one who lives there, if we don't blow a whistle on this and bring everybody back to the table, we have failed our responsibility. I urge that we pass LB 1024 this round and the next, and if we go to a stand-down or something else after that, that's where I disagree with Senator Landis. I think we need to pass it and...but have some kind of a communication back. What this amendment does is set up a situation where they have to respond, the learning community...sets up the learning community just like it is, has the same freezing of boundaries, does not touch LB 1024. It removes the Chambers amendment and leaves LB 1024 as it is, but adds that they must report back every year, each November, so that we can respond, then, during the wintertime. That's the concept of the amendment. I yield...Mr. President, I would yield my time to Senator Flood.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I am voting for Senator Kruse's amendment and I'll tell you why. I think this amendment allows us...it's kind of peace with honor at the end of the session here. It preserves the boundaries, which we know OPS does not want. It does not dissolve the OPS system, it preserves the learning community, which we know OPS and the suburban districts both have problems with. We come back in November, if nothing has been settled, and we have our discussion with the learning community and it stops the madness. It also gives us the opportunity to have our special session. If there's going to be an agreement or there's something we can do, why wouldn't we have a special session, when we have this wealth of experience before term limits hits? We have Senator