TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

April 11, 2006 LB 1024A

debate.

SENATOR RAIKES: I would pass over that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cornett would move to amend, AM3190. (Legislative Journal page 1583.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CORNETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members of this body. Senator Raikes, I have received a number of calls and e-mails regarding the situation that Bellevue has in regards to impact aid and I've not been able to get a satisfactory answer. If we are part of the unified levy, have you checked with the federal government on how they will view that in regards to impact aid and if we will lose the \$9 million in funding that we receive from impact aid?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you...

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Senator, Bellevue, under the learning community, would remain a separate school district, so...and does its own budgeting. Really, the only change is that there is a common resource base for it that includes the entire learning community. So my belief and understanding is that that impact aid would not be impacted as would there be no impact on federal funds under Title I received, for example, by Omaha Public Schools or a Ralston school or any of the other school districts that would be in the learning community.

SENATOR CORNETT: Have you, though, checked with the Federal Impact Aid Committee on this?

SENATOR RAIKES: No, I have not, Senator.

SENATOR CORNETT: Because, at least from what I understand and what I have been told, that with the unified levy, whether it is a separate school district or not, the funding being put into a unified pool could jeopardize that impact aid to the tune of