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this issue. But again, I just wanted to state my opposition to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again, a "heartwrenching" issue with...and a very timely discussion given what immigration discussions we're having on the federal level and here in Nebraska. Yesterday in my district, 1,000 Latinos marched down Norfolk Avenue asking the federal government to give us a consistent policy on how to address immigration in this country, and you will note they were not paying attention specifically to this bill. They're worried about the bigger picture and that is, how do we solve America's immigration problem? And on General File we had some discussion about the impact of the federal law. I've looked at some cases, I haven't written a brief, I haven't researched it to the point where I can say without question I've ever found a case on point, and I have not found a case on point. I don't think there is a case on point, but there are some cases that deal with immigration law that I think are important, and the one that really struck me was Equal Access Education v. Merten. It's a 2004 case out It examined whether states can deny illegal of Virginia. immigrants admission into postsecondary institutions. Now this is different in some regard. This case here determined that states have the discretion to limit admission of undocumented immigrant students to such institutions; however, admissions policies must use federal immigration standards to determine who is illegal, and that case tells me that the federal courts have said the right of ... the ability to regulate immigration is a federal issue that is decided by Congress. The other case that I looked at, and I can get cites for these into the record. The Equal Access Education v. Merten was 305 F. Supp. 2d 545 in The League of United Latin American Citizens v. Wilson, 2004. found at 997 F. Supp. 1244, 1997, struck down California's Proposition 187, which sought to deny benefits to illegal immigrants, denied postsecondary education to immigrants. The court said there you can do what federal law permits and nothing more. And so here we have two federal courts that have said, listen, you have to listen to the federal government on issues regarding immigration. Now Senator Schimek