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for them. But it's only better for one side of that equation at the moment. Truth of the matter is, while it was good rhetoric and I think it was a good point to make, one aspect of LB 1024 that I think is an impediment at the moment to finding agreement is the existence of a situation in which we've walked into this session with a city that had five or six--I'm not sure of the number, five or six, somebody can tell me the right number--of school districts within its city and will leave with eight or nine districts inside their city. No wonder OPS wouldn't be crazy about that resolution. What I acknowledge the value of the Chambers amendment to be is this. Inside the operation of OPS is the problem of what minority-dominated schools, their resources, their faculty, their curriculum, whatever it is has not solved the problem of the community and does not, at the moment, have the confidence of that community.

SENATOR BAKER PRESIDING

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: And we were sharply placed into the focus on that lack of confidence. I don't think that it comes in running into the law the creation of three districts. So when the Heidemann amendment is up, I'm going to vote green. I'm probably going to vote green for a number of ideas that will probably go into LB 1024. But at the moment, I probably wouldn't vote for LB 1024 at this moment in time, because we really haven't resolved the problem of how LB 1024 is a better path for both parties than the status quo. We have for one but not the other, and we need to find that balance before we're going to find a solution that we will eventually live with and not be faced with a lawsuit about. And right now, I don't trust us to get there. I think it will take time and energy and negotiation to get there that we don't have on April 11 proceeding towards an 8:00 or an 8:30 obligation tonight, in my best opinion.

SENATOR BAKER: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Bourne followed by Senator Brashear, Raikes, and Wehrbein.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Before I