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sky is a bunch of baloney. So we put us on notice all the way along. And I've always taken OPS' side to the extent that they thought they had a problem. And I think the whole state, all of us, all 49 of us should try to solve it. And I still believe But I've never seen anybody so obstinate in my whole that. I heard a radio interview about a week ago asking a certain person, i.e., the superintendent of schools, what they proposed if they were to become one district in Omaha. I have never heard such a circuitous route in my whole life as they did not answer the question. And I'm ready for some solutions and I think we should have some. But here we are and we haven't gotten any. And nobody will...one side at least, per Senator Landis, won't give. So I think we do need to look at it, and I think we need a big hammer, like a sledgehammer, to make some people listen. But I'd like to know if somebody had come in here last week and given us a plan or at least six months ago; this is OPS' plan to do integration and have a successful school system all over Omaha, because I believe what most of Senator Chambers said. I'm taking him at his word because I believe it. And no one has come forward from that town to tell us what they would do. We've asked it on the floor, I ask it once here. No answers, at least in great detail. We're not going to do forced busing and we're not going to pick up the houses and move them. So how else do you integrate to any great extent? And I think Senator Raikes and LB 1024 as it now stands is probably not the But we've got to bring everybody to the board and I think, as Senator Raikes said, in his learning community situation is one way to do it. It looks like people will be forced down to sit together in Omaha and talk about it and come up with some solutions. So I wasn't going to be on this except I resented Senator Bourne's challenge to several of us perhaps. I am not in that camp. I voted for cloture because I felt we ought to. And I'm going to vote for Senator Heidemann's because I think it's a fair thing to those schools across the state that fall within that category and I think it's reasonable. don't put all our motives or don't foresee what our motives are in most cases. Perhaps it is that case. But I've not seen many bills in here pass that it didn't have to interest more people than a few. And maybe in...maybe, horrors of horrors, it included money. But I think we better start looking at it, and I'm sorry that we're going to be in this stage where we're not