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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: You're leaning that way?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. I, you know...things just don't seem right. Thank you, Senator Heidemann, I appreciate that. And when we have a bill that has enormous public policy consequences, that we have an amendment whose underlying public policy couldn't even get it out of the Education Committee headed by Senator Raikes. And now it is first and foremost on LB 1024 for the...I think and, with all due respect to Senator Wehrbein and some of the other members that spoke, there's no question in my mind that I can't see the public policy issue here, in all due respect to Senator Heidemann. But your idea could not make it out of the Education Committee. And here we are, the first amendment on this major piece of legislation, and suddenly it reaches the level of importance that the Speaker designates it as a top amendment priority. I'm sorry, I don't understand what's going on here. I don't understand this process. I don't understand. I've been down here for five years and I've never witnessed anything like this. I've never witnessed anything relative to the scheduling of this. They did not succeed in obtaining cloture last night, and we get here and it's on the agenda for today, and it's on the agenda twice today. We have a number one Speaker priority amendment which the underlying public policy of which could not make it out of the Education Committee. And look, surprise, it's the first amendment offered under the Speaker's super priority. Senator Pahls, you criticize the Omaha Public School system board relative to some of their antics. You know,...

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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...I don't think we're doing much better, Senator Pahls, with our procedure and our process relative to LB 1024. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator