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a Legislature, an issue that was important to him and his rural colleagues. I can't blame him and I can't blame the rural colleagues for that. What does embarrass me is in the last two days many people in this body have stood and railed against OPS. They have said OPS is getting what they deserve. They're happy to be punishing OPS. I am not standing here saying I think OPS 1 actions were correct. I'm not standing here saying that they were legal. I'm not saying I'm standing here supporting them. I'm not even standing here saying that OPS should remain intact. We need to address the issue of segregation. What I am saying is we, as a legislative body, should be better than this. We should make laws based on good public policy, not revenge, not spitefulness, not one back at you. We as a body are supposed to represent the people of the state, all of the people, not the school districts, not the lobbyists, but the people. We don't serve at the pleasure of the lobbyists. We don't serve at the pleasure of the districts or these artificial boundaries. serve at the pleasure of the people that elected us. Senator Brashear is right. This is not good public policy. It is not good precedent. What are we trying to do in the eleventh hour? None of the questions that were asked earlier this afternoon in regards to funding, in regards to what it does to individual districts, what it does to funding of the rural districts have been answered. The questions I asked in regards to what are we doing in regards to Bellevue, in specific, in regards to essentially creating a third minority district. I was wrong earlier when I said that Bellevue's percentages of minorities had increased by 32 percent in ten years. They have increased by 32 percent in five years. At the continued rate, Bellevue, with frozen boundaries, will be the third minority district. Now Senator Raikes is asking us or...to try and digest a 158-page amendment that was given to us at approximately 8:00 tonight. Can anyone in here say that they have read the new amendment? Senator Chambers assures us that it is his amendment and Senator Heidemann's amendment with just some changing in words. I can't digest 150 pages in 45 minutes. I don't think anyone in here can. The other thing we need to look at is the question of whether this is constitutional. I passed out an article in the Omaha World-Herald that was printed in the Omaha World-Herald this evening. And like OPS...