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approach the table. I understand my rural colleagues and perhaps some resentment regarding past bills that have been passed, the reality of inadequate funding for some of our rural schools. I understand all those issues. But I cannot support this bill the way it is because I am more convinced than ever that it is state-sanctioned segregation. I think we will go down in history as one of the first states in 20-some years to set race relations back, and I'm just sick that we're heading in that direction...(microphone malfunction)...mentioned that he's had e-mails and that. I received an e-mail from a constituent of mine, Sherry Manthe. She says, I can tell by the way you talk about LB 1024, you're talking about your feeling and what you want or what you don't want. She said, I thought when I voted for you the first time, you were going to be a good senator. I was obviously wrong. I watch the Legislature every year and have been displeased with you. I didn't vote for you the second time and this time I don't have to worry about it. (Laughter) Here's the best. As much as I hate to say it, you sometimes sound like a spoiled child who isn't getting his way. But the best part is: If it's any consolation, I absolutely despise Senator Smith who whines too much. (Laughter) It's a real e-mail so, Senator Kopplin, I feel your pain. I'm trying to add a little levity but this is a serious, serious situation. And I want to thank Sherry Manthe for that e-mail. I'm going to put that in my hall of fame. I handed out a letter this morning from the Office of the Attorney General, our Attorney General, Jon Bruning, and I'd ask you to read that letter. You have requested this office to examine the constitutionality of LB 1024. We received your opinion request on April 12 and decline to issue a formal opinion because we do not have adequate time to properly analyze the bill. That being said, this office has spent considerable time researching the issue and reviewing the bill in its Final Reading form. Should the bill pass, long-term litigation will almost certainly result. More important, however, is that we believe the state may face serious risks due to the potential constitutional problem raised by LB 1024. And then he goes through with some of the case law that, in a cursory view, he looked at. In sum, while this is a cursory analysis, we feel that LB 1024 raises serious constitutional issues for your consideration. This is from our Attorney General who has an obligation to sue on behalf of the