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asked to vote on a bill that has question marks regarding the fiscal analysis. You're asking to vote on a bill that most of us can't even identify exactly what the bill does and its implications and ramifications. I'm offering you a way out. I told you the other night the names of those folks that would sign on to a letter requesting a special session. I'm still willing to do that. And I know...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...those ten people, ten of my colleagues, said they would as well. That's a way out, if you're looking for that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne and Senator Synowiecki. On with discussion. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Price.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Bourne dropped the Attorney General's Opinion on us earlier, and quite honestly, I didn't...a lot of my...a lot of the debate that I've been, I guess, engaged in, or trying to focus on, and my ideas, the things that I was trying to encompass into an argument, have not been associated with this. But I think this is interesting, because Senator Bourne says, hey, look at it, read it, I mean, figure this thing out. The interesting part...the most interesting part of the letter, to me, and I guess I just wanted to point it out, is that, where in Brown v. Board of Education, that the court held, in the field of public education, the doctrine of separate but equal has no place, obviously. The essence of Brown, the essence of Brown is the prohibition on intentional segregation by government action of children for schooling on the basis of race. If such action is taken, it violates the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and does so even if the state believes that separate but equal is superior for minority children. Okay, and to me, that does speak volumes. The section that includes the amendment that we've talked about over and over again, that took the framework of LB 1024, which I supported as well, fundamentally and significantly changed the discussion. And that's why we...that's why this is a legitimate