

Nebraska school. That was the study that Senator Hall was referring to. In 1988, they talked about the consolidation of the Nebraska School for the Deaf and the Nebraska School for the Visually...

SENATOR BROMM: The Legislature talked about it?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, the Legislature commissioned a study, and there was a major study and a report...

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...regarding that. And then last year we passed legislation that would allow them to rent out the extra buildings on the campus to other programs in the community. So, does that answer your question? Those are all legislative studies that looked at those options and all...the first two that I made reference to were turned down by the study groups.

SENATOR BROMM: The first two were turned down by the study groups...by the study group that was commissioned by the Legislature was the problem?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, what the...the study groups came back, and maybe Senator Hall can do this better. What they came back and said was, in 1986, no, we do not want to merge the School for the Deaf in Iowa and Nebraska, and, no, we do not want to merge...no, we do not recommend merging the School for the Visually Impaired and the Deaf.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: That's what those two studies came back and said to the Legislature as a result of that.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. If this bill advances, I would appreciate the opportunity to get a little more information on the composition of the study groups and that sort of thing. Is it a fact that the Department of Education has the responsibility for developing a plan, no matter what the Legislature does, to educate the deaf?

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.