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SENATOR SCHROCK: And it would stop that jigsaw puzzle from happening. People would have to...the district would have to go in a block. And...with the exception of the fact that if you do have a student attending a district, then that's...that the rest of the property around it's not going to, that property could follow the student to the district it's going to.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If Senator Schrock would yield to a question please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Schrock, and I support the concept of the bill and I, having been on the reorganization committee in my county I, I can appreciate some of the difficulties and the checkerboarding which I hate to see. A question that goes through my mind, when I read this and I saw the 20 percent, the provision that 20 percent or more of the land under common ownership must be contiguous to the high school district where the affiliation is to occur. I can envision a number of circumstances where you have less than 20 percent of the land touching, but, in fact, it is touching. Or it is, for all practical purposes, it might be across the intersection on a...you might have an intersection, and you have the northeast corner of that section being in district number one, and across the intersection, to the southwest, that quarter wants to affiliate into that district so the corners touch, but, in fact, 20 percent would not. I'm curious about the rationale for where the 20 percent came from or whether or not just contiguous should be defined by, by some part of the parcel touching the district to be affiliated with. Could you maybe comment on that please.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Bromm, we sat down with Dennis Pool and went through some maps. And the situation you have described where a tract of land would be catercorner, if I may use that word, across the intersection, unless it's closer to