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our history. This Legislature in, I think, 1982 mandated consolidation in this state, and in the process of doing that increased the sales tax. And by initiative, that was overthrown just barely by the people. That was the policy of the Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then we went to a state aid formula and the policy behind the state aid formula was not to reward districts in any way that were high-cost districts, and that was what we were going to be following, and that's what we've followed for at least a decade. And now two or three years ago for the first time, we had a new policy and that new policy was to give another form of state aid to facilitate the progress of consolidation. That's the new policy, and today you're being asked to, basically, double the money that is being put into that policy, and I think that that is a very serious question in the context of our abilities to pay for things, and a very serious philosophic question...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in terms of what is the appropriate relationship in terms of incentive payments generally. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the Beutler amendment to LB 313. The question before the body is, shall AMO112 be adopted to LB 313? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the Beutler amendment to LB 313. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 21 nays on the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment is not agreed to. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, hearing notices from Judiciary Committee, signed by Senator Brashear as Chair; the Agriculture Committee,