

don't have two administrators out there, we have one administrator. . . And I think that school is a good example, because that administrator is required, by Department of Education rules, to be both a superintendent and a principal, and that's how he got on the roles as being two people. He may very well be doing the work of two people, but he is only really one person. And I think that to say that that school would have had something less than half of an administrator makes no sense, based on its census population, in particular, when we have the tremendous administrative burdens that are imposed on schools by our Department of Education and by various federal agencies. I passed out earlier, I think, a four-page list of the reports that administrators are required to file, just with the Department of Education and, of course, that's not the end of it. As I noted, we also have the federal agencies that you have to report to, such as the Census Bureau, the Federal Department of Health, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, et cetera. And we also have reports that are filed with our State Fire Marshal and also reports that are filed with other agencies of the state government. The requirements on administrators are pervasive, they do not decrease as the size of the school decreases. So I would urge that we strike the...that we adopt my amendment and, in effect, strike what has become known as the Lynch amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Just very quickly, Mr. President, members of the body. On the day that the Lynch amendment was agreed to, there was some discussion, in fact, some lively discussion on it, but part of the discussion was how did we come up with the number 25, and is this the number that should be in. And I think the basic consensus was that it was kind of a shot in the dark. It was a point that was going to be made, and I think, personally, I think Senator Lynch and others may have been very surprised that, in fact, it passed. And since it passed I think a lot of people got a message, if one was, in fact, trying to be sent. There is also the message that if we do it on the low end at 25, we might want to consider looking at the upper end as well. And I think if we're going to get into those policy types of decisions, which this really would be, this is not the place to do it, it wasn't the place to do it as an amendment to the amendment, and we should withdraw this particular part of the amendment of Senator Withem's, which is actually 719, revamped, and look at this in the summertime, if