

is in the future, it became an issue I became very interested in. So if you have any technical questions, you might be smarter to ask Senator Bohlke than myself, but I would certainly be glad to answer any questions you may have. I know that one of the school districts that tried to consolidate has now gone to a K through 6 situation and they are now sending students to about five or six different high schools out of that district and I know if you catch them at the right time, there's four different school buses in Campbell, Nebraska on any given morning and that's not efficient education, it just really isn't. And if they would decide to try to do this again, why I think this type of legislation would be very, would assist them greatly and would help them maybe make that painful decision of consolidating their school districts.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next to the Bohlke amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, I would like to address the, not only the Bohlke amendment, but certainly the entire bill. Many of the points that Senator Schrock brought out are certainly appropriate in my particular part of the state because I know there are a number of small districts in southeast Nebraska that some of them are interested in consolidation and of course some of them are not. But for those districts who are interested, as Senator Schrock has said, they're certainly not going to support the proposal to consolidate if they can see that the impact that they're going to receive is going to be costly to the taxpayers because of the fact that they lose some of their incentive and this bill as I read it and as I understand it from what I've understood of it is it will in fact use that carrot approach as Senator Schrock has mentioned. Certainly providing a three year cushion is a way to at least let these school districts and school patrons get together and start to talk about the idea that maybe consolidation is a better way to go for the efficiency of the taxpayers in those districts. I still believe and have always believed and I think Senator Schrock also alluded to this, that using a fly swatter as opposed to a hammer is probably a better way to get people to listen about how to consolidate. For the state to come out and say we're going to mandate that you consolidate certain districts has always been a tough issue because people tend to resent any type of intrusion even though they are accepting state funds, but certainly when there is a disincentive thrown in on top of it where they lose funds, I