

district than they would have been separate.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: But the start-up costs would have nothing to do with...I mean what they're going to do to, if they're building a new school or if they're building a new stadium whatever the case may be, that will have nothing to do with their state aid.

SENATOR SCHROCK: You're correct, but there are certainly painful bills that have to be paid by that school district.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right. So regardless of whether this bill passes, those bills would have to be paid and I guess my question still is, if a district is going to get hurt in state aid and we're saying that's an incentive for them not to reorganize, how will help when they still know the fact that they're going to lose state aid within three years unless there is some sense out there that we're going to continue the hold-harmless and we'll come back in a couple of years and say, no, we don't they should lose...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...any. And I'll try to get back to that when we have more time.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Schrock. Senator Jones, your light is next followed by Senator Robinson, Withem, Hillman, Lynch, Schrock and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise to support this bill and I think that's one way that should really do it because I can give you a little example. I went up in my community in Loup County just to visit with them about property tax one day and that school district thought I was up there to close their school and I had a lot of explaining to do after that because they...so some incentive like this I think is good, but my district, I don't know how much they will use it because the schools are just not very close together up there anyway. This one school I'm talking about, they're coming 30 miles to it and if they have to go to another town, that would be another 30 or 40 miles maybe to some of them other towns. I do have 103 school districts in my legislative school district, but, legislative district, but that...a lot of them are Class I