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the NRD, to make a study for NRDs to decide whether this issue, in fact, can be resolved is any more important than any of the other entities of government that may, in fact, come into play as we move through this process?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Senator, I don't think it's any more important. In fact, it's more important to do it for some of the other entities, I think.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, then...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But within the subject matter jurisdiction of our committee, we dealt with the things that were within our committee and made our best effort to come up with recommendations that would fit into everything that was to be done. I think, I think there should be encouragement in every area to do these studies...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, here's...I can understand what you're saying, but here's my problem. If we're going to end up with just a series of studies on every segment of government from all the way from cities to counties to NRDs to all the way down the line, we'll...about all we're going to get accomplished, in my opinion, is a series of studies that are really not going to do anything in the short term.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, my philosophy would not be to...would not be to not do the other things that we're doing. But I saw this whole thing as fitting together in one package. And part of the package is the caps, and part of the package is the lid, and part of the package is the shift from local to state level on a couple of things. But if this whole package is going to be devoid of any effort to restructure and to look at things, then I think it's missing a very, a very important element.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I certainly wouldn't disagree with you except the problem that I have is when you get into studies, how long do you envision a study would take in order to come up with something that was viable that could be used to come up with the conclusion that we need to make as a body.