

the greatest savings. And yet despite that undeniable fact, people are standing up today and saying, no, we shouldn't push them as hard as we push the counties. We shouldn't push them as hard as we push the counties, despite the fact that their levies are three and four times what the county levies may be. But what is the logic to that? It said that there are mechanisms in place for reorganization. Well, there are mechanisms in place for county reorganization, too. They can consolidate right now, we don't need another law. This whole bill is designed to encourage them to look at consolidation. We have interlocal agreements now that can be used as a mechanism for relating different county projects, working together among counties. So with respect to the reorganization, school reorganization, there is absolutely nothing, either in these bills or in current law, that...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that requires any particular school district to take step one, that is, make a fiscal estimate of what might happen if you could consolidate with one district or another that adjoins you. That mere exploratory exercise is not required under current law or under this bill, and it seems to me is not at all inappropriate to ask them, in the context of what we are doing, to explore this, especially in light of the fact, and we'll discuss this more, as this bill goes into effect, the percentage of state aid which is going into the support of our school system is going to increase dramatically in the next two years, as we all know but won't say, and then it is going to be even more important...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that everybody is operating in an efficient manner. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President and fellow senators. I am opposed to the amendment and let me try to explain why. I know it is very difficult to understand how people feel when we pass things here that require them to do things, even if they are not the most significant things in terms of having any legal, binding effect. It is simply causes people to...tc