

or not they should offer all the programs that they are offering, if we are going to require them to look at specific items that cost money. I just don't think, you know, I don't think we need to do this. I understand the intent and the intent is honorable, but I don't think this is a...I don't think we need to do it and I don't think it helps the bill and it won't help the public's acceptance of the bill, so why should we do it? It's not...it's not worth doing, it really isn't. I urge the body to defeat the amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Before we proceed to the next speaker, Senator Schimek would like to announce some guests in the north balcony. There are 17 kindergarteners from Beattie School and their teacher. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I was just wondering if that young fellow up there in that blue suit's a member of the kindergarten class, but I won't go into further detail on that. But I do have a question of Senator Beutler.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR ROBINSON: You said there would be a public meeting. Is that...did I hear you say that as far as...

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: After what? I mean, you just have a public meeting. You talk about consolidation. Is that what you're...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I guess the way I envision it is this and what would make, I think, make a lot of sense. You look at your adjoining districts. You pick out some situations or what might be your best situation. You know, you have certain basic sets of facts that you can look at and get some preliminary idea of what direction you might be most likely to go in to formulate a consolidation that results in maximum property tax savings. Once you do that, you can pick out one situation you can pick out a couple of situations, there are no mandates...there are no...there's...there are no penalties in this bill. I mean, obviously in the end, the good will of the people doing it, in part, is what it's all about because there are no penalties. But you pick out those situations and you do an honest to God