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SENATOR VRTISKA: Could I get you on the mike? I... Could I ask Senator Beutler a question?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You're not.... Well, go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I've had two different versions of this amendment and I had...the third amendment I had takes this into more detail. You want me to tell you what I really think should happen?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, yeah, if you can do it in a short amount of time, yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right. I really think there should be a detailed, a more detailed examination of both for counties and for schools. And I think, with respect to counties, they should examine not only the consolidation of the whole county but the consolidation of individual offices and individual services...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..whether (inaudible) cooperate on roads, and I think that the examination should be required to that extent. I think they should...

SENATOR VRTISKA: How's that fit with the schools?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..identify...I think they should identify for us three or four proposals that are their best proposals. With respect to school districts, I think they should do the same thing. I think they should examine consolidation as a whole. They don't have individual offices like a county does, as you best know, but they also should be examining whether there are shared services that they can share. They do a lot of that through ESUs right now, but a more...

SENATOR VRTISKA: The bottom line, though, it is going to cost some money if you expect to do a...the kind of estimates that you want. You can't hardly do that just by a couple people sitting down and talking about it, the way I view it.