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patrons. And the state reorganization committee is composed of six members. They are appointed by the State Board of Education. They...the makeup of that committee involves three laypersons and two people holding teachers certificates, with the Education Commissioner being the ex officio. I also wanted to point out that many of the duties have been transferred to county officials, such as county clerks, county treasurers, count assessors, all people that have been involved in actually doing these responsibilities with the county superintendent then passing that information on to the county superintendents. So, with today's technology and such, we are really just reducing that need and it is being picked up by many of the district superintendents. So thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Jones, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I just wanted to ask Senator Stuhr a question, if I could.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, county superintendents in my home county has been real important. There's about eight country schools and they take care of all that, and they had the authority at one time to appoint them and so they've appointed a superintendent from each school, you know, to do that. But this don't change that power any so that they don't have that privilege to still appoint somebody to take that position? It don't actually take the office clear away from that county and...? I know I got a lot of counties that's only one school left in it and there's really no need for a county superintendent, but I knew Custer County has got eight country schools and I just wanted your comments on that and get it on record.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it will give the county board the authority to appoint a person to still coordinate those activities that some of the counties may wish to continue, such as county spelling contests,...

SENATOR JONES: Um-hum.