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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Suttle, on the Beutler amendment to LB 1107.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I...I don't know whether I support Senator Beutler's study or not. If...could I ask Senator Beutler a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Senator, would, depending on what kind of information that we got back from this study, would this indicate and show where efficiencies were absolutely, and then we would have to reconfigure the formula for how we pay school districts?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I tried to put in as specific a language as I could to indicate that what we would like back from them are the specific details and judgments they made with regards to everything they recommended so that we have specific knowledge of why they think a specific proposed merger or unification, and by the way, Senator Wehrbein, unification is...would be an accepted process, a recommended unification would be an accepted process under this plan, but the idea is that we lift the fog, that we have a body of knowledge about either what can be and should be or what can be but should not be, and we have a reason for it, and we can talk about facts rather than talking about philosophies or more general concepts. I think it would also have the effect of requiring school districts to more honestly look at themselves. Maybe they would start thinking, maybe we should do this ourselves rather than waiting for this kind of objective study.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry...I didn't...I think I missed part of your question.

SENATOR SUTTLE: That's fine. I think what he is saying is