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so they did something similar to this. They appointed a committee that came back with a recommendation, and the recommendation objectively reached made sense to people. It was something that they could use and proceed with, and it happened. They closed bases. They closed a lot of bases. This is a similar process. You don't have to do this. It doesn't make life easier for you. But if you want to have some balance in the system, if you want to insist on some appropriate economies of scale that will reduce the overall state aid, reduce the needs, this is something that you have to do, needs to be done. It's not working, Senator Wehrbein, I wanted to be sure you understood that this deals only with the standard cost grouping. It doesn't deal with sparse and very sparse schools at all. It's not taking those that are located out in Arthur County or in the more lonely places and saying do something with them or look at them. We all know there's nothing that we can do there. We need to help those situations because they have no choice. But we're talking about school districts that are six, seven, eight miles apart that have a choice, and they have a lot of good choices from an educational point of view, but they have hard choices from a local community point of view. But we simply can't afford, with one state budget and pressure on us not to increase spending beyond the rate of inflation, not to increase spending least we get a petition drive like LR 413, with the pressures that we have, we have to take advantage of every economy out there that we can that doesn't hurt our education system. And if you make these schools ultimately sized in efficient modes, it's also, in the eyes of I think a majority of educators nationally and in the country, that's probably the ideal educational situation; schools, high schools of two to three hundred students. But we're not getting there, and so I simply recommend to you that you look at the facts, just look at the situation. Why would we want to proceed blind on this? Why not get information? And maybe, just maybe, we could take a giant step forward in terms of facing some realities. So I would ask for your consideration of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on the Beutler amendment, AM2797. The question before the body is, shall AM2797 be adopted to LB 1107? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to?