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you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think the issue is laid out for you fairly clearly, and it's just a matter of whether you consider this too great a penalty or not. And, in my judgment, I would almost never or rarely say to a school district that your decision is overturned if you fail to send notice, to a constituent group, that's required by statute. It is required by statute, but when the alternative is the commonsense alternative, in this case, of a Class I school board member, or whoever is in charge of the Class I, picking up the telephone and saying, what happened; or asking for a fax copy of the high school's board meeting, public meeting, so they...you can see what happened. It seems like we're making things a lot more complicated and putting, as I indicated on General File, a "gotcha" into the law. Lawyers like "gotchas." It means when you fail to do some little procedural thing, procedural things that may have varying degrees of importance but some of which have relatively little importance, the whole thing gets overturned. We gotcha. I think you should eliminate as many of those things as is practical, and in this situation I simply say...I simply see no need for such an onerous penalty for failing to notify, when the parties on the other side are able to get the information because it's public information and probably, in most cases, by just calling the Class VI and talking to a secretary can get the information. It may be that in some situations the failure to notify by the Class VI district, in fact, human nature being what it is, I would say in most situations the failure to notify by the Class VI would be an accident, an oversight. And what you would be saying by rejecting this amendment is that we're going to put a new provision in place that says that if this accident or oversight happened--failure to send written notification...it's got to be written too. You can't call them and say...if you call them and say, gee, we didn't approve your budget authority, that's not enough. If you make that mistake too, it's not only a mistake of not notifying. It's the mistake of not notifying them in the right way. If you call them and tell them and never write them, even though they know, they gotcha. They gotcha. So that's all the public...that's the public policy question, and I think it's worthwhile for you to cast a vote on it one way or another. I