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means that we have approximately 3,000 people for each school district. We look at our surrounding states. Colorado has 25,000; Missouri, 10,800; Wyoming, 10,387; Kansas, 8,900; Iowa, 7,008; South Dakota, 4,003. And the fact is that Nebraska has the lowest number of students per school district of any state in the nation. It is the lowest. The bill does not necessarily address the number of school districts directly. It does, however, encourage consolidation of school administrators and administrations. The bill allows for administration for counties in different population segments. Senator Brashear has often given you the statistics. I'll run those back through for you. We have 11 counties in the state of Nebraska with less than 1,000 people. We have 35 counties in Nebraska with less than 5,000. We have 65 counties in the state of Nebraska with less than 10,000. And so what I did is work out a ratio that if you have 1,000 or less people in your county, you will be allowed one school administration, no matter how many districts you have. If you have 5,000, two; 10,000, four; 6,000, six; 20,000 or more, a maximum of eight administration units. Administration is defined as one superintendent, one principal, one school building, and then the necessary support staff, and any other positions approved by the school board, such as assistant superintendents and assistant principals. Currently, there are several states around the nation that are looking at ways to consolidate their school systems in one way or another, including the surrounding states of South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas. And it would be unfortunate if Nebraska does not also look at consolidation alternatives. I might mention that in the Iowa legislature this year...and I don't know whether it passed or not; as you are aware, they adjourned early...they were saying that any school district less than 200 students must merge. In Arkansas, they had, I believe, 328 school districts. Governor Hucakabee was asking that they reduce that down to 121. With that in mind, I feel that in looking at our costs, we're...we have a...teacher pay is at a very low figure, forty-third in the nation, and yet our cost per pupils are up around the 21 in the nation, tells me there's a lot of administration cost that is within our schools. And by this, I would hope that we could change that. Coincidentally, I did get a report from the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association that, of all of the schools in that association, only eight would be affected.