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and it's not shut down. We'd have another vote on it. But I don't think it's necessary to go through this destabilizing kind of procedure in order to get the study that we all would like to have, a study that came about in accordance with the procedures of the Judiciary Committee and the Legislature, and which the public can start out believing with us that it's being done right, and not being done with the assumption that there is a certain conclusion to be reached here.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'm just going to participate once in this discussion, with a few observations. I...and Senator Beutler said many things with which I concur, including the parallel to the regional mental health situation that occurred starting in the 1980s. I was not voting last night on the amendment. And that can be characterized any way you want to characterize it. I'll tell you what I was thinking, and that was, it appeared to me that we were going to be doing some extensive work in the future. And so long as it is your pleasure, and I serve on the Judiciary Committee, I was concerned about not getting further embroiled in the discussion and having a position, in order that there could be a sense and feel of objectivity about the process. I'm not sorry about what happened last night. I would have opposed Senator Dwite Pedersen's amendment, and he knows that, if it had not had the Senator Don Pederson amendment, because I would have considered it precipitous and unplanned and unmanageable and not worthy of the body. When Senator Don Pederson made the amendment to put it off into the year 2004, I think that was a very constructive thing. Senator Dwite Pedersen supported that. And I've said to several people here and out in the Rotunda today, I'm not certain we aren't making too much of it, in the sense of being all exercised over what's going to take place. What I am pleased about, as a member of the body serving with you, is that there's this much discussion going on, and that there is this kind of...kind and level and type of discussion.