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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with his restructuring efforts, because I think that would be money well-spent. Maybe there are some further discussions we need to do this year. Do we need 120 caseworkers this year? I mean, can they really hire and go through the process of 120 caseworkers in one year? (Laugh) It's in the budget. You know, maybe we take a million dollars from there and do some restructuring. These are questions that are open to you all and I hope you'll think about them.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do share Senator Beutler's concern, and it's been one of the most frustrating things, I think, coming to serve in the Legislature, is that we never seem to have that state vision. And what happens, I know just in the ten years that I have been here, is that we have an administration, we have new agency heads, and then four years, eight years later then we start the whole process over again, and I think we've maybe...you know, sometimes we take two steps backwards and only one step forward. And I think it is imperative that we start looking at the entire picture instead of just doing things very fragmented. But what I really wanted to speak about is that I do support the concept of the...of finding some incentives for consolidation. We did have, for a number of years, and I believe it was Senator Coordsen who had the bill that first brought the incentives. They worked very, very well. But in the last couple years, we've had to again cut the program. And I think that we're at a time again when we're looking at schools and also I think there's opportunities in other parts of government to look at some reorganization. So I do...I do support the concept. I know, just personally, our local school district consolidated, merged with another. There are additional costs. And with school budgets being so tight at this present time, any incentive that they can receive I think will help move the process ahead. So I hope that we think about that in the overall picture. Thank you, and I give the rest of the time back to the Chair.