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thing to do, 19 to 18, we're going to save the state some money, I'm not sure that the unintended consequences are worth this. And so I'm very concerned with the bill, the far-reaching implications of it. Would Senator Brashear yield to a question or two?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Brashear, as usual, you and your committee, thorough work. And I have not read the amendment. I have looked at your sheet, though, and as usual it's good work. And I'm not contemplating or commenting at all the work of the Judiciary Committee, because I'm sure it's spectacular. I want to talk about the interim study. And you had mentioned in your opening on the committee amendments that there was an interim study that had been conducted on this issue?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BOURNE: Did you hold hearings? Or is it one of those interim studies where we just looked at the issue?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: We held hearings.

SENATOR BOURNE: Were they well attended?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes. That's a relative term, Senator Bourne, you know.

SENATOR BOURNE: It is.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't recall, but I...it certainly wasn't an empty room, as sometimes occurs. There were people. Primarily interested in what Senator Erdman has identified and Senator Chambers has identified, primarily interested in the difficulty of...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.