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small one with a little bit over 100, and they're 25 miles apart. And I'm providing these student numbers and distances so you can understand two things. First, many of the small schools in rural Nebraska are not small by choice, but by necessity. That may not be true of the small schools in the east and southeastern parts of Nebraska, but it's certainly true of most small schools in my district, in these legislative districts to the east...excuse me, to the west and to the north. Second, by setting the required number of students to 390 to qualify for reorganization incentives, we're leaving out a large number of small schools that might be interested in merging if there were some financial assistance available to them. It would be different if the 390 was a magic number, supported by scientific studies about what works best for students, or the most cost-efficient. Instead, the 390 number is simply a number that's divisible by 13. My suggestion of 260 is also divisible by 13, but it fits into a more reasonable idea of what we want to accomplish with school reorganization, that is, to encourage smaller schools to merge. My last comment on this amendment is, what the window of opportunity is to reorganize is much too tight. It takes time for school boards to study, negotiate, and obtain community support before consolidation can take place. The time frame in the amendment is from May 31, 2005 to June 1, 2007. It probably only applies to a handful of schools that are already at or near completion of the reorganization process. I will introduce legislation next year to correct these issues. And Speaker, I will be pulling my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is withdrawn. Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until April 14, 2004.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask Senator Raikes a question, if he's in the Chamber.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, would you yield, please?