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SENATOR RAIKES: Right.

SENATOR SMITH: ...put it together, and hopefully achieve some administrative efficiency.

SENATOR RAIKES: Correct.

SENATOR SMITH: Now, considerations such as already shared administration, that's not considered? I know that's happening a lot out west.

SENATOR RAIKES: I think you're right. It is happening a lot, or at least in several instances. There's not a provision in this proposal that if you share the administrator you get kind of...some kind of sort of an incentive. This is for...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...merged districts. So you're correct in that regard.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith, Senator Raikes. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Landis had made a question that...made a statement that I think I'm going to discuss in general terms. He had said that the time to maybe seek a tax increase is not now because the public is not really with the Legislature in terms of going that direction. And I couldn't agree with him more. I don't know that the public will ever be in favor of a tax increase. However, going back to my view that we are sent here to inform ourselves, then use our judgment and do what's in the best interest of the state, I have to say that also in that package is the notion of leadership. Leading means that you are out front of those who may not know where they're going, where they ought to go, or, if they know where they think they should go, they don't know how to get there, and they need somebody with clearer vision to be in front and show the way. It doesn't mean that there should be so much distance between the one who is the leader and those who are following that they lose track of that