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SENATOR SMITH: ...that only seeks to close districts and really nothing more than that, is supposed to be efficient when we don't have any other policies in place in terms of limiting administration? These are trends that have nothing to do...again, when we...when we talked about the trend in the increase in administration, has nothing to do with quality, has nothing to do with efficiency, at least I don't see where it's worked that way. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield my time to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, everyone who has been concerned about LB 126 has been working very hard this morning and we have reached what I call an accommodation. But there is no such thing as an accommodation unless you, the body, the members of the body, and 25 of you will accommodate it. And this may be slightly more candid than we sometimes are, but I, in defense of what I'm going to do, I'm hoping that it is helpful to those who have not participated in this kind of a negotiation or accommodation to understand how it is it can be done. I'm standing at...this is the mike I began my life at here in the Legislature. I came over here in order that Senator Raikes, when we do the colloquy part of this and talk back and forth and affirm each other's understanding, that it will be convenient. I'm going to indicate to you that I was asked to...I'm not going to butt in to what I'm not asked to be a part of, as a routine part of the discharge of the duties of my office; I was asked last evening to become involved with this and to be helpful, and that's my role. I'm articulating it because the people who asked me to intervene have asked me to articulate the transaction, and so I will. This began by everybody analyzing where they are. We've had a full and fair, well-prepared, substantive debate on this subject. I think, I'm speaking only for myself...I think that people are...it's like having three bullets--General, Select, and Final--and you sometimes wonder whether you have a real bullet in the chamber, if you're going to pull the trigger, or