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direction where research shows education is of highest quality, and it's a number far less than 45,000 students, far less than 32,000 students, and far less than 22,000 students. And you can read between the lines. When we look at these issues and the importance to communities, and the importance to economic development across Nebraska, and the importance to the fiber and the backbone of rural communities, it's interesting to note the trends that we're seeing, and the trends that were exhibited last year in the passage of LB 126. And I don't want to live in the past here, but it is a current issue and certainly can and should be addressed. I will not, however, fall for something that will accomplish nothing; that at the end of the day here, if we go through some antics here with amendments and so forth, at the end of the day we have nothing. I won't participate in that. It's an absolutely vital thing that we work through this. Now, I could be one of those opponents to LB 126 and throw up my hands and say, you all get what you deserve. I could do that. I'm not about that. I'm about taking the issue one at a time, taking the issues one at a time; what's good, what's bad; and at the end of the day have something that is workable and makes a positive difference. I'm not afraid of change. I'm not afraid of change.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: And when we look at the numbers here, 45,000 students in one school district under one school board is too large, and everyone knows that. But the question is, what are we going to do about it? Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Redfield.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, I rise in support of the reconsideration motion of Senator Cornett's. Would Senator Beutler yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, are you available?

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Beutler, would you yield to a question or two?