

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...until tomorrow....

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the bracket motion for a lot of reasons. I agree with Senator Kristensen, first of all, that we should put into the legislative basket, so to speak, all of the legislation that has to do with these kinds of issues. It's important for us to understand how different systems work. We haven't really had a chance to talk about that. Sometimes I'm not sure if we really care, we just want to make it look like we're for reform. Senator Hillman mentioned how back in Connecticut they've adopted this form of government. You know maybe because of what they did back there we all should maybe think about supporting this. I'll tell you what they did. We've been talking about the reorganization of schools in this state for a long time. We've got 1059, and as you know I don't know how many hundreds of school districts we have now, and maybe you remember I introduced a bill that would provide we would have one school district in each county. To be completely frank, that's what they have back in Connecticut. And you know who runs the school board? The county board. They don't have county boards as we know them, but that anonymous, appointed, elected czar, or king, or queen, or whatever it might be makes those appointments. Yeah, that's true. The same thing is true in New Hampshire and some other eastern states. So rather...so they consolidated schools by simply having, at that time, what used to be the county take over all of those responsibilities. Just think, just think of the reorganization in Douglas County. What do we got, 12 school districts? We could eliminate all those elected school board members, we could probably do away with 11 superintendents. Instead of having ten bus systems, we could have only one, just imagine that. Isn't that wonderful! Or are they only going to, if people are given a chance to vote on this, talk about what happens in a city, or in a county? We don't really know. But if we're allowed the chance I would hope you would all support this effort to do away with all the school districts in all of the counties and give that responsibility to someone who is elected or appointed to manage these responsibilities. Now that either scares the heck out of you, or hopefully makes you think again about the possibilities of something like this without understanding the circumstances or what might even be put on the ballot. I also support the