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SPEAKER: Please do.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Now, will the, will this, the hearing, will it be up to the County Commissioners to hold a hearing, is that right? And they will decide.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes, the County Commissioners...the provisions of the bill, and this is part of the Committee amendment, the hearing must be held and must be regular procedure for a public hearing must be followed. The hearing must be held and must be completed before they can make a decision.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: And then if nothing is done and they continue on, it is for a period of four years.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes, that's right.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Go ahead.

SENATOR NORE: Wouldn't it be possible, Senator Anderson, now for the various counties, two or three of them, to go together and leave the ESU out of this thing. They have their hands full. They are not doing what they are suppose to do now. They are not getting it done, in taking care of our retarded and our educable and our...and other activities. Why can't they go together. We can get along without this bill, couldn't we?

SENATOR ANDERSON: The main reason why the bill was introduced is that we found that we can't get along without it. We found that this provision for counties going together and selecting a County Superintendent has not, by and large, been a successful solution. We've tried this in the area where I live. We were unable to work it out and, of course, the provision then, these persons who were doing the job had to continue being elected in two or more counties which creates additional problems. So, this is one of the main reasons for the bill is that this particular option that has been provided by the Legislature some years ago has really not gotten the job done.

SENATOR NORE: This..this bill will probably make our prophecies come true when we created the Educational Service Units. They would eventually become a super Board, a super school board, and we thought that folks were not...didn't know what they were talking about when they talked super school boards. This is where the camel gets his head into the tent. Next year, he will be in the tent. So, I oppose this bill very much.

SPEAKER: Senator Kime.

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