

the impact of this bill. If you'll think for a minute about the trends that seem to be going on in our society today if you've happened to read the book that everybody is talking about called Megatrends and the trends of the future, one of those trends is centralization, moving away from centralization to decentralization. I would suggest to you that perhaps this bill is out of step with the times. Maybe we need to just completely take a new look at the direction we're moving in our entire society. It's silly to pass a bill that is in direct opposition to what the public is saying they want. They're not saying that they want more centralized government. They're saying they want a decentralized system and that is essentially what we have and, true, it has some problems, but I think we can do better than this. Finally I think if we looked at the political ramifications of this issue, there is some concern brewing in this country about the demise or potential demise of representative government and I think that if this bill were to pass it would raise serious doubts and rightly so in the eyes of many people out there west of Lincoln and Omaha about just how well are they being represented by their government. I think if you care about the credibility of the system and if you care about the importance of representative government you will not ram a bill like this through and you will in fact move more slowly and let all sides help to implement successful solutions to this problem. I guess I'm proposing this study because I think that's the only way that we can get at the issues that truly face us and to better understand them and start asking the right questions. I would suggest that there is a lot of talent in this body on both sides of the issue and I don't think that we have used that considerable talent to reach a creative solution to this problem. The solution that 662 proposes I think is a tired old solution that people have been talking about for years and I know we can do better than this. So I urge you to join me in passing the study resolution and let's get down to the business of solving our real problems. Thank you.

PPRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, in one sense I am responsive and pleased by the fact that Senator Scofield understands this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Our time tables are different. Perhaps our methodologies might be different, but at least there is a