

discussed many, many times, to Class I schools. If there is somebody that has studied this enough that they can tell me why we cannot in fact use some of that carrot worth \$20 million to force consolidation,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR RUPP: ...something that is a little more palatable than using the stick. I would oppose the Beutler amendment, support Senator Smith's amendment which will follow. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Smith, then Senator Barrett.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, like hearing what Senator Beutler said about the interim study. My amendment would simply reverse that order basically by striking...in order to be able to do this we would strike the main body of...it has two parts, to strike all sections of the bill at this time, except for Section 15 which would simply allow them to do what they already can do and that is reorganize if they want to prior to the time of implementation of the bill, according to Senator Landis's amendment, until 1986, but at the same time carry on an interim study to address all of these concerns that we have had surface here, plus probably 15 or 20 others that could be coming down from up above if they could say it to us. Basically what my amendment would do, in the second part, as far as the interim study would be is to just simply utilize the Revenue and Education Committees for the purpose of identifying problems and issues that have to be considered to address inequities in funding education in Nebraska, then report their findings to the Executive Committee by May 15, 1985. At that time the Executive Board would appoint a special committee of eight members of the Legislature who would be representative of the various school districts and geographic regions of the state, and then charge them with drafting legislation to resolve the problems and issues identified by the Education and Revenue Committees. That special committee would submit their recommendation back to the Executive Board no later than November 1, 1985. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR BARRETT: I move the previous question.