

going to be virtually impossible, and I would point to 942, the special ed bill that is going through right now. Had we not have had a balanced study on that, that bill would not have ever seen the light of day. It seems to me it is important to have it understood that it is balanced, that it will be balanced regardless of who makes the determinations because of the importance of this issue, and solving this issue, and I think that it is a question that we have got to resolve. We have simply got to resolve it. Otherwise, future Education Committees are going to be attempting to deal with the same issue, and speaking for that committee, they have tried their best. It is difficult to deal with an issue when you have got such strong competing forces with both of them with a little bit of right on their sides. I would like to give the remainder of my time in closing to Senator Baack.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Baack, please, you have 2 1/2 minutes approximately.

SENATOR BAACK: Thank you, Senator Vickers, I appreciate that. I think that Senator Vickers has made a couple of really good points, especially about the study needing to be balanced, and I think that that is... I was Chairman of the task force of the 151 and I felt like we had a balanced group on that study, and we did come up with some good legislation, some legislation that, as Senator Vickers has said, would probably have not seen the light of day if we hadn't had a good balanced study. So I think, you know, regardless of the makeup of this committee, we have got to make sure we get a good balanced study out of this thing, and I think it can still be done, and for any part that I have in it, I am going to make sure that it is a balanced study. And Senator Vickers has also talked about how this is going to be something that we need for the future, for future Education Committees to have to deal with, and I think that is extremely important because this animosity between the ESUs and the Department of Education has got to end, and for that to end, we have got to have a good complete study of both of their roles in this system, and once this study is done, I think we can change this animosity into a feeling of working together and I think then we will have a more efficient education system in this state. So I urge you to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Baack. That is the