

get out of the ESUs if they so desire, if they think the services are not providing them the services they want. I guess last weekend I took a trip up into John DeCamp's country, up in to Neligh to a funeral of a student of mine, and I got reflecting on the times, I guess there is two school administrators in this body, Senator Remmers and myself, and I got to reflecting on the time that I served as a school administrator in the schools of Nebraska, and the point is that I guess as I drove through these towns and so forth between my home at Bellevue and Brunswick where I started my career is that I got to thinking about my career as a school administrator. I went from being an administrator with a 100 students in less than 10 years where I had 18 times, I had 18, and I really think that maybe part of this that we really need to look at, what is...or maybe boards of education in small communities should look at what their local superintendents are doing because I know one superintendent is also the county superintendent, and so are they really, you know, are they really busy or could they do some of these services that ESUs are doing, and so forth? And so I think back to the amendment simply would allow, we will have two legislative sessions between, allow local boards of education the opportunity to opt out of the ESU. If they are doing a good job and the boards of education feel that they are doing a good job, they will simply stay but I think it provides...also I think what it does, it also provides an opportunity for local citizens...we talk a lot about in this body about property tax relief and I think this will be an opportunity for us to provide property tax relief by simply striking a line off our property statement. So I allow your support of allowing local boards of education to get out of that and we...there are about 42 states that have intermediate units and there are only 6 that allow...in some form or another, there is only 2 pure where they can simply levy a tax. So if there is any questions, I would be glad to answer them so I would urge the support of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Rod Johnson, please, on the amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. President, members, I strongly object to the amendment. I think it goes counterclockwise to the goal that we just passed in this study resolution that was adopted to the bill. I would