

that bill I believe will bring about a little better understanding of how that system functions and perhaps a little better accountability within the districts in some instances, not to indict all of them, of course. I want to say that I agree and concur with those individuals who would say probably if you went down on the corner of 13th and O, certainly if you went to David City and asked someone to name their ESU director, I don't think they could do it. I would doubt if, in fact, most individuals would even know that there was such an organization as an ESU, much less what do they do, or how they perform, or to whom they are responsible, or how they are funded. So I would suggest that Senator Hartnett has a good amendment. I am not being critical of any entity, but when you collect the kind of money we collect under that situation, I think that it is well in order that we have some little bit of incentive for some kind of conclusion to come out of the study other than just the usual bland reports that we read so much of.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Schmit, excuse me. (Gavel.) Let's try to keep the noise down if we may, please. It is difficult to hear and I think maybe it is a little bit unnecessary. Senator Schmit, you may proceed.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Carsten. I am glad that at least you are listening. I want to just say in conclusion that we are spending a lot of time talking about accountability in government. We are talking a lot of...spending a lot of time speaking about how do you spend our money responsibly, et cetera. Well, let me tell you something that we all know, that accountability is very important, and for someone to know that the people are looking at this process is not at all irresponsible but it is just the contrary. It is the responsible thing to do and I think we ought to do it, and if we do not do it, we are not exercising our own legislative prerogative. The time will come when we will once again be subjected to criticism, and justifiably so, because we have allowed millions of dollars of taxpayer money to be collected and dispersed without the proper accounting. And I think that we have to recognize that we are the ones who were responsible for the creation, we are the ones who are responsible for the operation overall, and we ought to be willing to take a look at it, and we ought to be willing to say, okay, if you don't do it right, then there are some other alternatives, some other remedies that are available. I know that it is not a