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have to be made by the receiving district?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well...

SENATOR HARTNETT: What's the time...I...it sounds reasonable. I'm just curious.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. I've gotten the information, Senator, that there's a 15-day time period during which everyone would be notified as to whether or not the option was accepted.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you, Senator Raikes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Redfield, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I did introduce LB 573, and so I want to stand in support of this amendment. It has been substantially changed; however, I will support the changes that they have put in here. I do think that when we look at school law, we need to be very, very careful that it is always student-centered, and this bill focused on what was best for students. We want to make sure that students have every opportunity to stay in their class with their friends, their teachers, and have as much dis...or as little disruption to their lives as possible when there are custody situations that occur. And that's the first part of this where they could continue to attend wherever either parent resided. And sometimes in a custody situation, that can be very different and very disruptive for students. Certainly it is an improvement to move from January 1 to March 15. That gives more flexibility when parents sometimes are building a home and they are not sure exactly what the deadline is to move into that new residence and they want to start a student in the school where they will be residing the following fall, even though that may occur after they actually take up residency. So these are some of the situations that occur where parents may want to option their child into a school district because they want continuity in the lives of the student and they want as little disruption as possible. So I will support the amendments that they have put on the bill, and I hope that you would support their amendment. Thank you.