

district they are required to attend. The issue has been discussed before the Education Committee. The bills, those two bills are sitting in the Education Committee waiting for action and waiting for amendments, and it seems to me to be consistent, LB 225 should be in the Education Committee as well. If you look at the memorandum from the city attorney and just take a look at it, the underlined portion, he is talking to the city council members and it says, this is really a school district matter. It is not a matter for the city council. It is not a matter for Urban Affairs Committee that it has been sent to right now, and he talks about the rights, and he even points out that the bill drafters put it in the wrong section of the statute, that it should be in the education laws, and he said, I know that it would seem to me that this is not the right statute to be amending precisely because it is a school district issue. And for that reason, it seems to me appropriate that it be rereferenced to Education. The people that testified in both support or opposition to Senator Baack's bill, on 183, on choice in education, and Senator Warner's bill, on determining the district to which a particular family should send their children if their property has been divided by a school district boundary, the same people that appeared at those hearings will be the same people that will appear on LB 225. As a matter of fact, I talked with the City of Lincoln people, John Goc, their lobbyist. I talked with Mayor Harris last night. They have taken a position that this is really a matter for the Board of Education, they will be concerned about it. They do not...my understanding is that they may not even appear at the debate on the bill, and it just seems perfectly consistent, we are going to have the Board of Education and school district people coming in to argue this issue, it should not be before the Urban Affairs Committee because that is something where you involve the city councils, you involve the mayors, you involve the city government in it. It would seem inconsistent to me to have this before the Urban Affairs Committee and then have all the people coming in are Board of Education members, school district administrators, and parents and it's something that would be more appropriate in the Education Committee. And, as I say, the city attorney's memo is perfectly clear that it is a school district matter, it should be in a different statute, and maybe it should...and as a matter of fact, quite frankly, maybe one of the things that I would want to do with this bill is amend it so that it would be in the education statutes because that would be more appropriate, and I have even indicated that to the city council people, that it would probably be amended into the