

be seeing on some of these committee amendments. I know Senator Lamb has a series of committee amendments, Senator Baack has some, I wouldn't be surprised to see other senators have additional amendments. Would like you to adopt the committee amendments, obviously. Would also like you to listen to this bill with an open mind, also listen to this bill with the idea that it's about time that this Legislature went on record of supporting changes in our education system that will result in better education quality for our students, for our young people. You'll hear lots of debates and lots of arguments about how the school administrators will be troubled by this particular proposal passing, that some school boards might be troubled by this amendment...this bill passing. But keep in mind I don't think you've heard from very many parents or very many students that think they ought to remain captive in their resident school district. With that, I hope I haven't stolen too much of Senator Baack's thunder, because I know this is his bill and he has worked countless hours, since last summer, putting together what I think is an excellent proposal here. He will be having some amendments to the committee amendments that I'd like you to give your attention to. Thank you, very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, I understand you have some amendments to the committee amendments. Would you like to start taking those up now?

SENATOR BAACK: I think that Senator Hartnett had a question that he'd like to ask first, if that's okay.

PRESIDENT: Oh, all right.

SENATOR BAACK: If that's in order, or...

PRESIDENT: No, that's okay, but we do want to go to your amendments or other amendments to the committee amendments soon. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I've just got one, brief question to Senator...

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Withem, on your first amend...I guess most of what I've heard about this bill deals w th athletics and so forth. Why did the