

amendments I have is by Senator Baack, inasmuch as he's principal introducer, Senator, I have AM502 in front of me. (Baack amendment is on pages 821-22 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BAACK: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President, members, I have a number of...a series of amendments here. I've got five or six different ones, and unfortunately the bill drafter sent down a whole bunch of them in one package, so we're going to have to deal with a package of amendments. We may want to split those when we get to them. They weren't supposed to do it that way, but that's the way we got them back. So, first of all I'm going to deal with the ones that are just clarifying kinds of amendments. The first amendment is AM502, I think all of you have a packet of amendments on your desk. It's AM502, and what it does is it says...it inserts into the bill the sentence, "The application shall set forth in detail the substantial educational opportunity available to the option student in the option district that is unavailable in the resident school district." This is, this is...I think that Senator Lamb has an amendment, later on too, that deals with this situation, because what this bill is about, this bill is for educational opportunity for kids, and that is what it's about. This is going to tell the person that's applying that they have to set forth, in detail, the reasons that they are applying to transfer. And these reasons will be sent both to the resident district and also to the district that they are asking to opt to. What this does is it gives the resident district a chance then to say, okay, this is why students are leaving our district. It gives them a chance to look at their program and say we need to make these kind of adjustments to make sure that we can hold the students that we have in our district and to give the kind of programs that these parents want for their kids. That's what this amendment does. I'll be glad to answer any questions about this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Baack, this amendment is not in the Journal, is it?

SENATOR BAACK: No, it is not.