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adjustments in their program. They're just looking at a person whose dissatisfied with where they're at.

SENATOR LAMB: But the local district would not...would not be able to prevent that student from leaving for a frivolous reason. Right?

SENATOR BAACK: No, not once the program is fully in place, no.

SENATOR LAMB: So ...

SENATOR BAACK: It depends on what you me...I guess what is frivolous? You know...

SENATOR LAMB: Well, that's what I'm getting at. We don't...it's not defined in, as I understand it, in your amendment what constitute a bona fide reason for transferring. So it seems to me that before your amendment really does anything you have to have somebody judge as to whether that is a proper reason, not just allow a student to say here's a reason, so that automatically makes me eligible to transfer. And that is actually what your amendment does, as I understand it.

SENATOR BAACK: Well, at least it makes them state a reason. The way the bill is written right now they don't even have to state a reason. (Interruption.)

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I will admit that's a minor improvement, but you know I don't think it's good enough. I think we should, we should have the student sit down there with the two school districts and then if those school districts agree that that is a sufficient reason, then he can transfer. And that's what my amendment does. Mine is a little bit more far-reaching than yours.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. We're talking about something here that is important that we all keep in mind. The basic local control is a family unit. I can't imagine any set of parents that are going to try to move their children at their own expense, furnishing their own transportation to another school district, unless that set of parents feels very strongly that that is the best thing for their children. We're talking about doing something to give parents the opportunity to give