

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. And then who is responsible for the transportation? In some cases these handicapped students need special transportation. Who would pay for that?

SENATOR BAACK: The parents, if a student opts, the parents are responsible for the transportation of handicapped students, as well as regular students. There is no differential treatment there, because...and it's stated in the other section of the amendment where we talk about transportation. It amends the transportation, both regular student and handicapped student, that they have to furnish their own transportation.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. This morning I talked to a superintendent up in Madelia, Minnesota. Minnesota, as you know, has started to implement their plan. And he was telling me that they have a number of problems and I'll address that after we get off the amendment. But I do have...and, Mr. President, are we on AM503, too? No. Five-o-one.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Just 501.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I have a question also of Senator Baack, if he would respond.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: On the same page there, page 3 of 501, dealing with...on page 5 we're talking about the availability of appropriate special education programs. And I believe that you mentioned, and I assume that the bill comes back to state all that by the time that we put this in the committee amendments in the regular bill, that you were going to have reasons for denial of special ed students into the option district. And you said that one of the reasons would be if the program was full...

SENATOR BAACK: Um-huh.