

forward to discussion on the next one on the phase-in in program. I think there have been a couple of things that have been brought up. Senator Lamb has brought up the idea, well what happens to the students that are left? I can give you some examples in Minnesota of what has happened is that in some of the school districts where they had just a few people leave, a few students leave, they have adjusted their programs and they've been able to deal with that. Now they are able to keep the rest of the students there. So that is going to happen. If we see a school district that say it has 12 kids in the school, and we see 10 of them apply to leave, what does that say about the school? I'd say there are problems there, and that is what's happened in Minnesota. They are seeing the school districts having a lot of kids leaving, there is a problem there, and they are not dealing effectively with the problem. So what this bill says, what this bill does as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't...what it does is it says at least we're going to provide that educational opportunity for the 10 kids that are leaving, and we're not going to give all 12 of them a bad education. We're going to let 10 of them opt to a different district and get a good education. And I think we'd be remiss as a state if we don't do this kind of thing. We are, by our Constitution, we are to provide that educational opportunity. And, if we don't do that, then we are remiss in our duty. So I think that we have to look at the quality. And I can't understand this...all of a sudden Senator Lamb's conversion away from local control. Senator Lamb does not want local control, he wants the state in charge here. He wants the state to determine everything that happens in these local districts now. He wants us to draw the boundary lines and say, this is going to be your boundary line, you have to stay in here, we don't care what quality of education is in there, we're drawing this line for taxing reasons. This is the ultimate in local control. This puts local control at the parental level. This is the ultimate in local control. And I've heard local control espoused in here for years. This is the ultimate in local control. I think, with that, I will just urge adoption of the amendments and...of this amendment, and I look forward to the debate on the phase-in amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the amendment, with the exception of the three full paragraphs on page 2. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.