

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the first part of AM501.

PRESIDENT: That portion of the amendment to the amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Baack, do you wish to take up the lines 3 through 21 on page 2, correct?

SENATOR BAACK: That's correct.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Well, I don't know what I have to say about them, except you know I don't object to them. So I....Except I have explained it, I have explained what the phase-in is, and I think that this answers the concern about working too fast on this thing. I think that it answers the concern very, very well. It slowly phases this project in. And what happens is it gives us an opportunity to look at what the problems are as we phase this in. I'll be the first to admit that this thing isn't going to go in without any flaws. You simply cannot design something like this, on a statewide level, without any flaws in it. We've got to try and work out those flaws. I've worked with a number of people. I know that Stroh's name has been brought up in here. He and I have had numerous conversations on, and the amendments that we have, that I have here, a number of those are amendments that he suggested. I said they were very...they were acceptable as far as I was concerned. We included a lot of those things. I think you'll find that probably now he's in support of the bill. So I don't know why we keep bringing up these names. He came in to talk to me, we visited about it, he knows that my intent with this law...and I think that he...he's fairly well satisfied with what we're doing with this bill now. Of course there are reservations. This is a big change, there is no doubt about that. But I think that this slows down the process. I would just as soon, if I had my way, I'd just as soon put it in place and go with it. But I am willing to phase it in instead. And I think that this gives us a chance to look at what problems are created as we phase it in. The first year it's totally voluntary. The second year it can't affect more than 5 percent, 10 percent the next year, the next year it's in. School boards will have to set policies on what 5 percent, what 10 percent. That's going to be up to your local control again. We're going to get back to the local control. Here we are, we've got the local school board making those kinds of decisions. I think they can make those decisions. I have