

can't do the class sizes, can't figure out what to do. On any given year, regardless of LB 183, it is incredibly difficult to get accurate class counts and people counts right now. North Platte Public Schools, for example, or any person's public schools, have what they call an anticipated enrollment, people that have enrolled, but they really don't know how many students are going to actually be there until that first day of class when people come. And that first day, we find a lot of changes have to take place because we thought there was going to be this many students, but there are not, turns out that four students moved away or five families that had 16 kids moved away, or some people went to a private school, or others went to a home school but they were enrolled but they just didn't attend. These kind of problems happen every year in enrollment and there is no sure-fire way of getting true and accurate numbers until the kids are finally there. LB 183 is talking about a very, very small number of students when we are talking about the entire state, to wit, the problems that this would have compounded with the problems that they al...compared to the problems that already exist in numbers counts is insignificant. The changes here will be so small compared to the problems they already have that the change would be totally insignificant, and I hope the body doesn't get swayed by the fact that this...that apparently now there is no problem with counts,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and with this bill, there will be problem with counts of numbers of students for planning purposes because that is simply not the way it is in the public or private schools in the state. It has never been that way and it will never be that way. And so that is why, philosophically, I would urge the body to vote against this particular amendment, though I certainly recognize the good intention of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and members, I rise a little reluctantly, I am not sure what I want to do with this. This is a philosophical decision the body has to make as to how long of a commitment are we going to...are we going to require these students to have when they change school districts. As Senator Lamb has said, this, the four-year commitment, is in the Iowa law. That is what Iowa says, is four years you will be