

bill, but I...if you would recall, we spent a whole morning on the bill but most of that morning was spent with amendments that Senator Baack had to the bill and not to my amendments. So I bring this amendment as another indication of some of the flaws in the bill which we had not picked up on all of them but this was one, I believe, that is one of them. I think that the student or the parent of the student that decides that should switch schools should be committed and not be able to switch back and forth and this amendment would do that. This would require the student to stay the four years if the switch is made. Now the argument probably will be on the other side, well, in the meantime if the school shapes up, so-called, and does those things that the student deems necessary, then he should be able to transfer back. And we may be able to add some language which would allow that. But, at this point, I am pointing out the flaw in the bill which would require or would allow students to transfer every year to a different school. So I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Lamb amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Abboud. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly, I want to make one clarification in the bill as it is now written if the committee amendments would be agreed to and that is once...and I want to make this kind of clear. Once a parent or a student decides to opt into...they decide not to choose to be in their own district and have opted into another district that has, in fact, accepted them, once that has happened that is the only time that family or that student will be able to opt into a district. If the student would decide within a year or whichever time period this body deems necessary to set, but within a year to go back to their home resident districts, they are banned by this piece of legislation from opting again. They will not be able to opt ever again under this bill, unless they would physically move into another district, then, obviously, they would be able to do so. But if I opt to one district the way the bill is now and I decide that the district has changed, they have made the changes educationally and I would rather be at my home district, I would rather be there and I come back, then that is it under the bill. I cannot then decide next year I want to go to another school or another district. That's the first point. The second point, very briefly, would be I do have some philosophical problems