

basketball team, somebody has a better football team and stuff like this. Now this is, the way I understand it, Senator Lamb's amendment is like the bill, the present form of the bill over in Iowa. I think this is the one, the only way you really deal with the problem. I mean the 90-day provision presently in the bill does absolutely nothing as far as I am concerned. Like Senator Lamb mentioned, it would prevent a person from playing football but it wouldn't prevent them from playing basketball or track and I think regardless, even with this amendment, people are still going to be transferring for athletic reasons. But I still think we're better off with the amendment than without it. For those of you who think that athletics will not play a role, well I can cite you example after example. For instance, in my area there is one school district that is no longer in existence now because all the...several boys transferred out because of the football program that went to crap. They transferred out because of that. Another situation in Senator Rod Johnson's district right now there is three different students that have transferred out of a certain school district. Two of those students are starting for one...another team's basketball team. Another one of those students transferred out and was all state volleyball player. So this, athletics is the reason a lot of people are going to transfer. There is no doubt about it. I think we must do all that we can to make it as tough as possible to transfer. We must do all that we can to make sure that people are not transferring school districts for reasons that...you know, for athletic...for reasons that they have a better athletic program. I mean if I buy this bill as long as it in theory it's good, if you can get a better education, then go there. But if your reason deep down is because you're going to hopefully get on a winning basketball team or a winning track team or a winning football team, that's not a good enough reason and I think the body would be very wise to adopt this amendment and toughen up the provision, a provision that I think is very crucial as to whether or not LB 183 can work. Because if we do not stiffen up this particular thing, in my own mind I'm concerned about LB 183 because if you don't make it tough people are going to be transferring for the wrong reason and that reason is going to be because they want to go with a winning team but not necessarily a winning educational team and I urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Baack, McFarland and Abboud.