

requires that the student have a solid reason for wanting to transfer and I think that's good. You know, there are situations where the student should be able to transfer for specialized reasons and those should be obvious to both the receiving district and descending district before it is allowed and that's what this amendment does. I would ask that you adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on Senator Lamb's amendment number 6 found on pages 814 and 15 of the Journal. Senator Baack, followed by Senators Abboud, Withem and Elmer.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in opposition to this amendment because what it does is it guts out the whole total concept of choice because it makes it...it makes the two districts have to make that assessment so then you wipe out parental choice is what it does. It basically just wipes out the whole concept. We have dealt with this, the concept that's in the first part of his amendment, we've dealt with because what we have done is agreed to a phase-in and what you have in the first year that you have the phase-in which would be '90-91, then you would have both school districts having to make an agreement as to whether or not that student could transfer. In the next year we phase it in slowly over the next three years, so we've already dealt with that part of it. The other part of it that states that you have to have an educational reason, we've also dealt with because in one of my amendments we inserted the language, the application shall set forth in detail the substantial educational opportunity available to the option student in the option district that is unavailable in the resident school district. We've already inserted that language which takes care of the second part of the amendment, but what you have to realize is that the first part of his amendment guts out the whole phase-in period, totally wipes that out, we don't have that anymore. We'll never phase it in is what we'll have. We'll just have a situation where if two districts sit down and they decide they want to send a kid back and forth, they can do that, so we wipe out parental choice with this amendment. It simply eliminates that as a possibility. The possibility then is choice between two school districts, not choice of where the parents want to send their kids. So I would urge the rejection of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.