

couple of years, and so until any of that would happen we have time to study, we have time to refine the bill, look at...we would have time to talk to people about what people are interested in transferring their students, which ones they're going to choose. So I think this would be a great opportunity for the Education Committee to do this study and I would dedicate my time to doing it and would be more than willing to make adjustments in 183 as go as we take it around the state and find out what people think about it. So with that, I would just urge your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I hope that the body was listening to the well-reasoned comments of Senator Johnson. I, too, am numbered among those that do not object to the proposition of looking at the condition of choice for parents in the State of Nebraska. However, I have a real problem with jumping off the end of the board before we check to see whether there is any water in the pool, and to enact this particular legislation, 183, without a good, sound, well-reasoned study would be most foolish on our part. And I think it is imperative that we add to LB 183 Senator Schellpeper's amendment to require that we take a serious look at what the consequences of this might be prior to its actual enactment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the Schellpeper amendment also. I, too, have received a lot of calls from both administrators and parents also asking a lot of questions that really are very hard to answer. I have not received any negative comments. I think the idea to take it out to the people of the state so that they better understand it and rework some of the things that there are still questions about, I think the basic idea, like I mentioned before, is very good and I urge for the adoption of the Schellpeper amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on. Senator Schellpeper, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I think you can see that this is a very important issue for this state, that we need to study and by having this study by the