

every parent wants only the best education, in their opinion, for their children. LB 183 would provide one more option for those parents and really be the back...the maximum in local control. There is really nothing more basic than a family unit. Our children are our greatest responsibility and represent our future. Parents want the best opportunity for their children to function at the highest level of their ability where their talents may lie. Choice of a school that would enhance the abilities of a child should be available to all parents, not just those who are wealthy and can afford to personally pay nonresident tuition. We all recognize the foundation of success in our American system of government is competition. I feel the parental choice would give our schools, put our schools in the arena of healthy competition. Our school boards would certainly look to provide the most beneficial education opportunities for their students if they knew if they did not, students would tend to move to schools that did. Parents choosing to send their children to a different district have an opportunity to have a voice in their children's future and their children's ability. I would strongly urge the support and the passage of LB 183.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think I maybe have a couple of questions for Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, would you respond.

SENATOR BAACK: Certainly.

SENATOR WARNER: One of the questions would be, exactly what is the role of the State Board of Education on appeal? I'm assuming that they can change the admittance, although when I read this document that was handed out it states that such hearing shall be held in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and shall determine whether the procedures of Section 1 through 14 have been followed. And I'm assuming it goes further than just a procedural hearing as to if a'l things were done, that they have the authority to reverse whatever local decision. And in the second question I've talked to you before on the criteria of size and distance as two of the factors. It would seem to me that all we've talked about is education and I have...and I know there have been some amendments, but it would help if the record would indicate to what extent size and distance would be a factor or if they could