

SENATOR BAACK: Well, I was talking to Senator Chambers. Would you repeat it, please?

SENATOR HEFNER: I was wondering why we have to adopt an amendment and then pass a bill so that we can study this issue? Why don't we just bracket the bill and then introduce an interim study resolution and go from there?

SENATOR BAACK: If you bracket the bill you have no reason to even study it at that point because you've bracketed the whole idea. What this does...what Senator Schellpeper's amendment does, is it just says that we will study this before it ever goes into place and we will look at it for the next summer and we will do...we will have testimony from around the state, come back to the Education Committee. If we see problems with it, we can make adjustments before it ever goes into effect. That's what the study says we would do.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, but I think that this would probably be a first for this in this Legislature since I've been here anyway. Also, Senator Baack, would you answer a question that I have on transportation?

SENATOR BAACK: Certainly.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, the question is, what happens if this particular student wants to transfer from his own school district into, say, the neighboring school district? What is the responsibility of that neighboring school district? Where do they pick him up at?

SENATOR BAACK: As far as transportation?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR BAACK: None whatsoever. We amended that bill in my amendment to the committee amendments. We said that there is no responsibility on the receiving district for transportation of that pupil unless there is a mutually agreed upon agreement between the school district and the student that is coming in, but there is no responsibility in this.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. I missed that then in the committee amendment. Okay, one other question, how as this bill is amended now, how do we treat the special ed students?