

brief comment on the study portion of the amendment. From the inception of the bill at least from the beginning, I have always thought that we need to go ahead and carry on a study on...at the same time of what is happening. Senator Schellpeper had an amendment that was already adopted that had the Education Committee that will be going throughout the state looking at all aspects and all the areas as the thing is slowly being phased in. I also wanted a second contingency to calm, to alleviate the concerns that we're moving too fast without any status, statistics, excuse me, or information and have the Department of Education further study as it is being implemented slowly, the effects of how many students did opt out, want to opt out, what reasons were stated, how many students were accepted, how many were rejected, what was the reason for the objection, how did the money go, was there any problems with the funding that we have at this particular point or as it maybe changed? All those things will be looked at on a yearly basis and reported back to the Education Committee and this Legislature so we can have a clear, concise idea of what is happening as it is being implemented, and I think that will give us the hard data that we will need to carry on wise policies, changes updated, updates that we may need to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the amendment? If not, Senator Baack, any closing statement?

SENATOR BAACK: No, I would just urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question before the body is the adoption of the Baack amendment to LB 183. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the first Baack amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, the next amendment I have is offered by yourself. This is AM861 on page 1099.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, this is a major amendment to the bill and what this amendment does is it tries to deal with some of the problems that Senator Lamb brought up at the last, the last time