

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Baack amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Baack amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. The next amendment I have is from Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that I had placed on your desks yesterday, and it's being presented because of the fact that Omaha is under an order to keep the schools desegregated. The substance of this amendment, and there will be something offered by Senator Baack dealing with the transportation component of it. The substance is that there cannot be a utilization of this bill to allow what has been called "white flight". To make use of this bill, that's being passed now, a student would have to be moving from a district to the receiving district which would have a smaller proportion of his or her race in attendance than the one from which he or she is leaving. In other words, a minority student could go to a district that is considered white or majority, but a majority student couldn't leave the Omaha district, say, and go to Westside simply to get out from under the desegregation requirements that Omaha's district is under. So now to make it as clear as I can, the Omaha district would be in a position to nullify a transfer, if a student is moving from the Omaha district to Westside, for example, to get out from under the desegregation requirements. The bill indicates that the transfer must facilitate the integration plan. And the second sentence, Senator Hannibal, in that amendment which should be on your desk, states what facilitating integration would mean. And it would mean basically what I've said, that a minority student could go to one of these white districts, but a white student couldn't just move out of the Omaha district into Westside to get away from the integration plan. Consideration could be given of each transfer on its merits. So you're not saying that simply because of the integration requirement, or desegregation order, that no white child would be allowed, under