

LB 183 and I've heard them constantly refer to the quality of education. And it's sort of like the term we use, quality of life in Nebraska, it's a generic term. I don't know if there is any school district in Nebraska that purposely is setting out to not provide a quality education for their students. There are some school districts, however, because of the size of the school district, the number of students going to that school district, it simply cannot provide opportunities. That is really the heart of this issue, as I see it, opportunities for programs, opportunities to receive some benefits that one school district may not be able to provide that you're having to go to at this particular time. It's not a matter of quality, because I think most people would argue I'm getting a quality education in my school district. It's a matter of opportunities. And I...as I've listened to debate, I've heard a lot about no incentives for improving quality. If you're losing students that are going to other school districts for opportunities, how can you provide those opportunities to less and less students in that school district? So you're actually penalizing those who you're saying aren't providing good quality education, but yet how can they improve their education if you're losing the students that are actually still going there. I'm concerned about it. I've got a lot of small Class II school districts in my district. I perceive this bill will have the most impact on the Class II district in this state, not the threes, not the fours or fives or the sixes or the ones, Class IIs, they will be the ones that will be most significantly impacted because they can least afford to lose students. And I guess that's my major concern with the bill. Senator Baack, I would ask you only one question, and you may have covered this before and I was not on the floor. But can you explain to me...

SENATOR BAACK: Certainly.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...what quality of education might mean to you as a parent of two boys now going to Kimball? What is the quality that you're getting at Kimball that you did not get in the Dix school district, which I know you've had some problems with.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Well, you know, I'd be the first to admit that both school districts probably give a good quality education, there is no doubt in my mind about that. Both of the districts