

believe that that might become a reality?

SENATOR BAACK: I would guess that, if a bus route came close to where an option student lived, that that option student could meet that bus route where the bus came and then would be transported to the school, if they agreed to do that. But they would not have to do that.

SENATOR LAMB: So if you have two school districts where...neighboring school districts where perhaps the buses meet on a certain road, one bus could stop and let the student off, and he'd climb on the other bus and go to the other school.

SENATOR BAACK: I guess...

SENATOR LAMB: It could happen, couldn't it.

SENATOR BAACK: I guess, if both school districts wanted to agree to that, you could do that, but I doubt very seriously that it would happen.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Is there anyone else after me? Is there anyone else after mine? Okay. Just very briefly, I still have some reservations about the cost, and those reservations I raised yesterday. But I do commend Senator Chambers on his amendment. I think that it offers to the metropolitan school districts an opportunity here, if it's handled correctly, by the various superintendents and school boards. I think this is an opportunity that could enhance educational opportunity in all of the affected districts, so I will support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise to support this amendment. I think any studying we can do on this bill has to help the bill. I think if we can study it this coming summer, it would really help. We need to also study what it will do to the small schools, which is what the actual study dealt with. So I think the transportation with the schools and everything is really good, so I think it's a