

passed the concept and then worried about the details as they went along, and each year they had omnibus bills to try and deal with the problems they ran into. I've tried to deal with the problems up front, tried to make this a piece of legislation that will flow very smoothly as we go into the process. We have a very slow, measured steps to get into the process here. It won't be in place, fully in place until '93-94. I think we've got something here that we can live with. I think choice is a good concept. I think it's the first step to providing ultimate accountability and I think it's the first step in providing the best educational opportunity for every student in this state. I think it...I find it very, very difficult to argue against that position. I think that that's part of our mandate in the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. We are to provide the best education that we can for our students. I think choice is a step in the right direction. I would urge your advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the advancement of 183? Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. I would just point out that the introducer of the bill has had a multitude of amendments on this bill, both on General File and on Select File. What does that indicate to you? To me it indicates the bill is not ready for advancement. This is a bill that needs more work. If we had another stage or two of debate, I'm sure that there would be many more amendments offered, probably a number of them by Senator Baack, because this is an idea whose time maybe is coming, but the details of this bill certainly have not been worked out to the degree that it should be passed into law. It should not advance off Select File. It would not surprise me if Senator Baack will have amendments on Final Reading, we'll be returning it to Select File. I don't think this bill is in shape to advance. I don't think we should do that today. I guess I would just ask you to leave it here on Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I move we adjourn until March 16th at 9:00 a.m.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion to adjourn. I would ask....Thank you. But before proceeding to that machine vote, I