

SENATOR BAACK: My assumption is that boards are going to have to deal with that and make decisions based on those criteria. If they're going to offer more serv...if they can possibly offer the services, and in some cases they are not going to be able to, probably. There are going to be cases where that can't happen.

SENATOR SMITH: But, see that is my concern, Senator Baack. What I'm worried about is we keep dealing with this issue over and over and ongoing. By doing this are you going to open the door for new kinds of arguments and fights on this floor? Because it's so...I think it's so general in nature, neither one of you are specific about what you mean by services. They may....I mean I think it's just....I'm not sure that I think this amendment is going to add anything to the bill. It may create new problems is my concern.

SENATOR BAACK: Well, hopefully not. I understand your concern. Hopefully it doesn't add any new problems. I think it just opens up some avenues for some of the isolated Class I's and stuff to get services that they may not now be getting, or they may desire to get. It's hard to be specific on services because it's such a variety of services that schools offer.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, then since you're involved with education a lot more than I am, the experience that I've had may not be the same in other Class I districts, especially as you go further west. They are not presently receiving these kinds of services across the state with the Educational Service Units?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BAACK: Some of them do not contract with Educational Service Units, that's true. Some of them do not....not everyone is a member of a service unit.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, so in other words they could start receiving these kinds of services that they now are not getting, and that would help this to be a little more equal, because they are paying for all of this stuff now that the other schools are getting, so they should start receiving them without having to contract in addition.

SENATOR BAACK: That's what the purpose of it is, yes, so that they will be able to get some of the services that they have not