

the private system. Some people from NSEA read this amendment and were concerned that somehow we were, by this amendment, we were opening up the choice option to be one where public dollars would follow students into private schools. Doesn't do that at all. Does not do that at all. What it does though, it preserves the right that everybody in the state has to, if they don't like the public school they're going to, to opt into, by paying their own tuition or their parents paying tuition or getting scholarships or some other form to attend a private school. A literal reading of Section 79-3406 might lead someone to believe that the only thing they could do after they had gone to an option district and they didn't like it is go back to their home school district. This is clarification in nature. It should have been in the committee amendments but we didn't get it drafted into the committee amendments. Would urge you to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak about this? Senator McFarland, did you wish to speak about the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: No, thank you.

PRESIDENT: How about Senator Hall? Senator Nelson, the amendment to the amendment? Senator Baack. No. Senator Withem, do you want to close on the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: No, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The question is the Withem amendment to the committee amendment. Is that correct? All right. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on Senator Withem's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: It is adopted. Do you have another one, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baack would move to amend the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, I am going to explain a little bit what 843 does before I talk about my