

Papillion, Ralston, and those other places?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, how they mix in with the other students, I don't know the answer to that, Senator Withem. They, I assume, probably would get maybe preference since they already are in attendance there. But you have to understand that none of the students...you know, none of the students in OPS are allowed, white students, are allowed to opt out of OPS and go to 66. So, you know, they haven't...they're not on any list, because they're not allowed to be on any list.

SENATOR WITHEM: Sure, sure, okay. Okay, that helps clarify it for me and I think helps clarify my position. It's probably, as Senator Horgan has stated, not a major issue. But, because it only affects 28 students, and as they function through the system, the problem goes away. But I am going to support the Baack amendment. And the reason is I'm thinking back to the floor discussion we had when we passed the choice bill. Those of you who were here at that time, when we passed the choice bill one of the criticisms by the opponents, and I think it was probably Senator Lamb who was one of the strongest opponents of the choice bill, brought up the concern that choice may not be a real choice, paraphrasing his argument. It may not be a real choice, because the poor families, those that can't afford the transportation, those that don't function in the system well, those whose parents don't know about it will be left behind in school opportunities that may not be appropriate to them, and the wealthy individuals will be the ones that will be able to take advantage of this. And I think we responded back to Senator Lamb by indicating, well, that happens now, that we do have some students out there whose parents are enrolling them in private schools, who are moving, there are a number of parents who move to other districts, and those that are paying tuition from the...that live in one public school district but are paying tuition to another, and that we, previous to the choice, we had a choice system, but that choice system was for the more elite in our society. What the Horgan amendment does is it continues to give those people preferential treatment. It says that they came, families where those families would cough up \$3,800 a year to pay to District 66, that they get to stand in the front of the line when it comes time to selecting choice students, that they can have an advantage over other families, over some of the poorer families that live in...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.