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end you spent some time writing something that I think meets your philosophy. And I asked you if you were aware that there were any problems from school administrators, school board people? And you and I just had that conversation. I think people here would be interested in knowing the general philosophy you had, and if you feel that the amendment obviously reflects that? And I would appreciate if you would share that with the body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President. Yes, Senator Bohlke, I'm happy to. I've simply been working on other matters that are going to come before us soon. I wasn't going to check out of the debate. When I was functioning last year as a member of the Education Committee, it appeared to me that there was a compromise position that was possible that would maximize local control and would still not cause us to simply say, oh, well, we'll ignore this subject, we'll ignore this problem. So the philosophy of the amendment was that we will allow local school districts to be in complete and total control of their own destiny on the subject. But what we won't allow them to do is to do nothing and to not be responsive. So they either decide to address the issue and they address it and then it's theirs to handle, or if they want to ignore it and do nothing, which is a favorite pastime sometimes of all of us, then we would step in with the bill. The amendment was drafted that way. It found favor with the committee. I was only trying to be helpful. I thought it preserved local control, local option, but didn't adopt the, oh, gee, let's do nothing approach. I still support the amendment. And, unless my early Alzheimer's is worse than I think it is, I wasn't aware that this was a big problem for anybody last session, but it seems to have become one now, at the last moment. Is that responsive, Senator Bohlke?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes. Yes, that's very responsive. And, as I understand, as a follow-up to that, Senator Beutler, would you like some time? I know you've spoken three times, if you would like the remaining time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, approximately two minutes.