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started back in about 2000 when the member schools said we need to change that waiver provision that we have and set in statute. That was before a lawsuit was even filed, that we need to set again in statute this ineligibility provision because extracurricular activities are a privilege and not a right or an entitlement. That is why the bill was brought forth. Again, I do not support Senator Bromm's amendment. I said I'd be willing and I told him that, told the superintendents that we will certainly look at the transfer issue. NSAA has said they will convene a committee. We have no transfer provisions in statute now. We do have student option provisions in statute, and all we're doing in this bill is addressing those provisions. So those are some of the comments that I would like to make. Again, yes, we are revisiting the bill after ten or, actually, after 12 years because the last time they actually looked at this eligibility and ineligibility was in 1990. Again, we're talking about 15,000 students that option in and out. So this isn't an insignificant issue. Senator Chambers and I do not agree on the importance of the issue, but I hope that you will be able to support the bill and not support...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...this amendment which I do not believe deals with the student option program. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. An amendment to LB 210 by Senator Beutler; amendments to LB 249 by Senator Raikes. Appropriations Committee will meet upon adjournment, Mr. President. Senator Aguilar would like to add his name to LB 146 as cointroducer. (Legislative Journal pages 1307-1308.)

Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Byars would move to adjourn until Thursday morning, April 17 at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. You've heard the priority motion to adjourn until 9:00 tomorrow morning. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed. We are adjourned.

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