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which specifically maintains, in determining eligibility for extracurricular activities, that option students will be treated similarly as students who transfer into a school from another public, private, denominational, or parochial school. The idea is that while we understand that extracurricular activities are of significant interest, they do not rise to the level of an entitlement or a right. So this amendment will allow us to address the problem of option students and transfer students being treated differently in respect to extracurricular activities. And we're going to leave the details up to NSAA and that will also allow them to change some of their provisions in their bylaws. And I know that this is a concern. Some of the provisions were a concern of Senator Hartnett that were brought up during the debate and we have tried to address those in this amendment. The NSAA has agreed to put additional language into their bylaws to address the other issues that have been brought up during the debate. So I urge your support of the amendment. It does address the issues that we were concerned with in the original bill. And you do have a copy of the green sheet that appears on your desk. And, again, I thank my colleagues for their support and help. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the opening on AM1462, which is an amendment to AM0931, which is the committee amendment offered by the Education Committee to LB 249. Open on that Stuhr amendment, Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Bromm, Beutler, and Raikes. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Stuhr's amendment. Senator Stuhr, I want to ask, I guess thinking about it after we had the debate the other day on LB 249, and I think it was the situation that occurs as it deals with optional students. As I understand it, after a certain date, I think it's...that an optional student has to have the permission of both the sending school superintendent and the receiving school district superintendent for the option to go on. Can, a situation, can that go on say till the day before school begins? Or when...or does it end...I'm looking for my...it came up a little faster, I think, Senator Stuhr, I'm still looking for my...the language. But can I opt from one