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instead of "the current." They asked that the term "waiver" be re...actually they asked us to use "release discontinuing the enrollment of the child." And they asked us to clarify that the affidavit be filed with the local school. Now, remember that we do have some students who are covered by Section 79-1601. Those are home schoolers and we wanted to make sure that we notify the local school district that they would not be attending kindergarten, but we didn't want to make that burdensome. So we had actually made corrective language in LB 868 on the high school portion in committee, and that was included in the committee amendment. But this would clarify language for the kindergarten portion so that, in fact, all the parents would have to do is notify their local school with an affidavit saying that they intend to home school. So that certainly takes away any concern that those folks have about how this would work, and it also allows the school districts to plan next year for the number of staff and books and desks that they have to have in the classroom. That is the gist of the amendment, and if you have any questions, I would be happy to address them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Redfield. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to call attention to the fact that some of the amendments that Senator Redfield is proposing to us are word changes for the purpose of being more precise and clear, which is something that I've been doing throughout the session. So these words do have significance, and when bills are well written, I think it helps everybody because those, especially who have to administer the laws, are in a better position to know what it is the Legislature was trying to direct them to do. So I'm pleased that Senator Redfield is bringing an amendment such as this. And, Senator Redfield, I'm going to vote twice for it. The way I'm going to do it is...well, I guess I can only vote once. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Redfield, there are no other lights on.