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that the original green copy would have had the option student deadline changed from March 15 to July 1. And in effect, it would be the case that if a student decided to option before July 1, then they would be eligible to participate in athletics or other activities in the school they're going to, or the school that they're optioning into. After July 1, they would not be allowed to participate. The committee changed that so that we kept the March 15 date in place, so that now, I think it's useful to consider three different periods. If you decide to option and you make the application before March 15, then, providing special circumstances like there's no room or something in the school that you want to go to, the option would be...the option transfer would be allowed. Between the dates of March 15 and July 1, if that were the period that you elected to make this decision, then you could still option, but you would need, during that period, the permission of both the sending and the receiving school district in order to do it. And if you got that permission, then you could participate in athletics. If you option after July 1, then there is no opportunity, or there would be no opportunity if the bill is adopted with the committee amendment, to participate, for a 90-day period. So that's the committee amendment that dealt with the option deadline part. The rest of the committee amendment deals with the student fee policy. This is based on...or, this amendment, rather, is based on LB 685, which was introduced and heard before the Education Committee. This is, I think, best regarded as an update or revision of the student fee policy that we adopted a year ago, I think. There are a number of sort of key provisions that I'll try to make you aware of so that you can understand what it is we're about here. First, there would be a change that would suggest that a board can request voluntary donations. This is just something being made explicit in the new language. An authorization of the board would be changed from requiring students to supply materials for certain courses to allowing students to supply materials for courses. A third item. The authorization to require minor personal or consumable items is eliminated. Now, we have an amendment come along a little bit later that would reinstate this...the authorization to require if it's an extracurricular activity. But for curricular activities, the authorization to require minor consumable items is eliminated. Another key item is that a