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We're putting pressure on the local school board to go ahead and do this. Sure, we say it's permissive, but then it almost becomes mandatory. I object to it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I had my light on and then the Chair advised we weren't going to debate, so I'll try to pursue the discussion of this issue without involving debate. I think the procedure is that if there is an area of concern here, that the bill be brought back. Obviously, with twenty-six in front of us on Select File in some other places, I'm certainly sure Senator Lamb will have ample opportunity with his keen ability and decisive look at issues to study this issue before tomorrow when it comes back again. I haven't read with a great deal of care the amendment yet. I know it's a serious problem anytime we start talking about transportation and cost and actual cost, well I think as a matter of courtesy, as a matter of interest, as a matter of looking at this kind of issue, that the legitimate way to operate, for those who care to operate legitimately, is to bring the bill back and that'll be on Select File tomorrow, and at that point in time we could, under the rules of the Legislature, debate the issue as we should. So, Mr. Chairman, I support the concept of bringing the bill back for careful, and consideration of the issue at hand and take action on it then. As I understand the Simon motion, it is to return the bill, to bring up a specific amendment, which may be debated at that time when the bill's back on Select File. Is that true, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT: That is correct, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, in that case I don't care to participate in the debate.

PRESIDENT: I'm certainly glad you have accommodated us in not debating the issue. Senator Simon, will you close on the motion to return?

SENATOR SIMON: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wasn't aware that this was going to be so controversial, but let me make these remarks specifically to Senator Dworak and to a lesser extent, Senator Lamb, so they understand the issue. I guess especially as I listened to those two gentlemen talking, if I've heard it once, I've heard it a thousand times from two individuals, we want local control. When I think of local control I immediately think of you, Senator Lamb, and I immediately think of you, Senator Dworak, and yet, in the same breath I hear you say, we can't afford to have it