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Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Dierks' amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. The next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Horgan and Hall. AM4017. (The amendment appears on pages 1975-77 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, this is the amendment that Senator Baack and Senator Hall talked about earlier. Senator Hall has cosigned onto it. What it does...and copies of it have been handed out to you. For those students who have opted out of their local schools and are choosing out to go to another school system, this amendment allows their siblings to go to that also...to opt out of their local school district also. So if you have a student who is in District A and goes to District B, this amendment would allow all the siblings who then follow to go to District B. It's agreed to by most of the school districts. The Omaha Public School District and the Westside School District have agreed to this. And what it does is it keeps the philosophy that Senator Baack talked about in his earlier amendment of keeping families together and allowing students and siblings to all go to the same schools. And I would encourage you to support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise in support of Senator Horgan's amendment. He was gracious enough to allow me to sign on, although he was skeptical at first that it may hurt the amendment. The issue is a real life issue. It's not just a fabrication or that this is a potential problem. It's happened to a friend of mine. He's had one son who's been allowed into the district, District 66, in this case. The sibling daughter was not allowed in. It's not just an issue of convenience in terms of where the kids go to school, where they're dropped off, it's an issue of if choice is good for one sibling, it only makes sense that the choice be the same within