

grade or tenth grade offered, they simply have the opportunity to go to the original option district they chose and/or obviously the resident district they came from. That was the amendment that was agreed to earlier and I'd like to urge the body to return this bill for that particular amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, I rise to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment, nothing to do with the issue of the amendment itself. I have no problem with that, but I simply rise to oppose it more on procedural grounds, and understanding full well that obviously the body will do whatever it wants. But the two concerns...two reasons, first off, obviously, as Senator Bernard-Stevens mentioned, you have LB 348 on Select File that we may well get to, depending on how much time we spend on these next two bills. I mean I would argue we ought to just do the debate on LB 348. We may burn up enough time on the next two...on this bill and the next one we won't get to them because had we not debated these we would have because I think we can (inaudible) that's the proper bill for it. But the reason I'm going to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment is there has been probably literally a dozen different interest groups who have approached me on trying to amend these various now seven appropriations bills that are substantive law that open up areas of the statutes. And to all those people I've said, no, I'm not going to treat the vice-chairman of the committee any different I guess. But I mean and the reason is obviously...Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment is not controversial. The amendments on the next bill are. It's that simple. And my concern is if you start...these bills that come in late in the session generate enough concern in the body already. And if you start using them as a Christmas tree and hanging ornaments on, it will certainly...and my concern is it will lead to much more hesitancy both not only on the Appropriations Committee's account, but also the various standing committees' accounts to send these bills out late in the session and open up these areas of statute. I mean it's difficult enough when you're trying to cut things out of the budget to get enough people, one, in the Appropriations Committee, two, in the standing committee to advance something out. If there now is a secondary concern that, well, this by itself was noncontroversial but it opens up an area of statute that may lead to a much more controversial discussion on some