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SENATOR KENNEDY: I would so request.

PRESIDENT: Seeing no objection, the motion then is the adoption of an amendment to the committee amendment, as explained by Senator Kennedy. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I have several questions in regard to the bill, Mr. President, but I'd like to direct one to Senator Kennedy now because this whole area is very serious and we're in the midst of a battle on 403 and all we're doing is opening up the bill for more debate and more misunderstanding. Senator Kennedy, would you please explain what the amendment does.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me Senator Marvel. There is a matter about a comma that they feel makes a substantive change and cannot be handled by E & R. Could . . .

SENATOR MARVEL: OK, then after you get through the argument on the comma, I'd like to get an explanation of what the bill does.

PRESIDENT: OK. The question is the amendment proposed by Senator Kennedy about the insertion of a comma to the committee amendment. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes. The amendment to the committee amendment passes. Senator Marvel you wish to address questions to Senator Goodrich? Alright. Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: We now have to adopt the committee amendment in order to establish the actual ground . . . the game in other words, that we're going to be answering the questions for Senator Marvel on. Is that sufficient . . . is that alright with you Senator Marvel if we go ahead and adopt the committee amendment, cause that has a bearing on whether . . . on the content of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Fine with me as long as you explain the . . . someplace along the line explain the purpose of the amendment, then I'd like to go back and discuss page 2 where all the language is crossed out which simply opens up the bill, as I see it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: OK. The purpose of the committee amendment is to limit transportation services to the handicapped children to the case where they go to a school other than the normal school that they go to to get this special education service. Without this amendment it has a considerable bearing on the fiscal impact of the bill. We have to adopt this amendment to clarify the fact, number one, that we only give transportation to a handicapped if they go to a different school than they ordinarily would go in their neighborhood to get the service. That cuts the fiscal impact by . . . down from about a million and a half down to half a million.