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PRESIDENT: The question before us is the committee amendments. Are you ready for that question? Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'd like to address a series of questions to Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: These are on the amendments, not the bill?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: It's on the amendments. Now Senator Goodrich, are you suggesting that the impact of this bill last year was \$900,000 and is being reduced to \$500,000 this year?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: What did the bill cost last year?

SENATOR GOODRICH: The special transportation services?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, under LB 92.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Dick, do you remember the figure?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let's call it \$900,000, that's kind of rhetorical and I apologize for that part.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I can't remember what their exact cost was.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now what's the cost going to be this year?

SENATOR GOODRICH: According to your fiscal note on the front of the page . . . bill rather, they show a figure as established by the Department of Education as being . . . if you can read this thing. They're putting these things out so you can't read them any more. About a million dollars. If I can read this thing correctly, anyhow on the bottom of that fiscal note and on the back side of it . . . turn the fiscal note over . . . with this committee amendment, which clarifies and frankly we've coordinated this effort through the Department of Education so that we had a clear understanding of just what we were after. We established that we were not trying to pay transportation services if they go just to their normal school. They'll go ahead and go with their regular transportation there, or with their, if they can walk for example, if they get their speech therapy there they're not supposed to get transportation cost. Anyhow with the adoption of this committee amendment the actual fiscal cost will be 518.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: In addition to what we . . .

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's what they indicate. Frankly, that is if, for example, a bunch of youngsters or parents of youngsters suddenly decided they don't want to use the normal transportation buses and stuff like that, but they want to go ahead and have a separate transportation system. Now the bill doesn't say they have to, it doesn't say they should, it's just possible for them to do that. That's what would create that much fiscal impact potential.