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repeat just once more, then I'll sit down. After 555 is passed you're still confronted with 403. The State Department is confronted with 403. DAS is confronted with 403. The Legislature is confronted with it. The payment of \$2 million still doesn't solve the problem. There are school districts in this state that have been overpaid. Those school districts are going to have to return the money. These amendments would have penalized those school districts to the extent that they either return the money to the fund, to assist those young people, or those people who are especially handicapped, the school districts will either return that money, or they would be penalized as far as state aid to education from other funds is concerned. The State Department of Education has to write rules and regulations that do more than justify their errors. This Legislature has been castigated time and again for the fact that we haven't solved the problems of 403. The problems of 403 can only, in the final analysis, be solved by those agencies that are set up to implement the law. That includes the State Department of Education and the Department of Administrative Services. I hope, if and when we solve part of this problem, those agencies that are charged with the responsibility of implementing the law will take their role seriously; and that this Legislature will also cooperate with them and rewrite 403 for it's a workable law. Now we're all responsible for the fact that the wording is so general that there have been people who have taken advantage of that. That's unfair to other recipients or potential recipients of special education. They're the ones that 403, in my opinion, was passed for. So, Mr. President, I've done all I can do at the moment. I hope we can work together to try to solve the problems that have been created with payments number one and number two; and which will not be solved unless all of us, some how or other, work together and solve the problems that will still be before us, regardless of what's done with 555 this morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, would you clarify something for the Chair.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Are you moving to withdraw your amendments?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir. I guess that . . . what's the motion up there now Vince?

PRESIDENT: Motion is to return it to Select File for specific amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK, I withdraw the motion to return the bill to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Are you asking for unanimous consent?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.