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SPEAKER: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let's do that one more time, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I have got a sheet all printed up here where I can give it to you accurately, if you will give me time to look for it. Then I will answer your question.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: OK.

SENATOR KREMER: I thought we were about two or three bills down the line and I move rather slowly and think more slowly so give me a little time.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Don't try to outfox me that way.

SPEAKER: You are asking unanimous consent to pass over the bill? Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Kremer. Senator Kremer, do you mind if I explain it to him? What don't you understand, Senator Lewis? Have you read it?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I know you have such great reading skills I just wanted you to say it in your own words.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The formula is as it reads and as Senator Kremer said. No school bus shall be operated in the state when the total weight of the passengers contained therein exceed the sum of 150 lbs. for the driver and the figure arrived at by multiplying 120 lbs. by the maximum seating capacity of the bus as posted by bus manufacturer. Now this is kind of a compromise. Well, it comes out, for a total population of a bus of 120 lbs. per seating capacity, manufacturer's seating capacity. The bill as originally introduced would have prohibited, would have defined safe seating capacity as that defined by the manufacturer so that you couldn't have any greater number of people. What they want to do is keep a greater number of people, if they are little people. Well, that's it. That's what they want to do. If they are little people, you can put more people than the manufacturer said you could put safely on the bus.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's very clear. Based on Senator Cavanaugh's comments on it, I am going to sit down. I don't think we ought to carry this any further. We will be embarrassed.

SPEAKER: I am a little apprehensive about this but Senator Murphy's light is on.

SENATOR MURPHY: I wish just to tell Senator Lewis that I am not at all surprised that he wouldn't understand Senator Cavanaugh talking about the wee people.

SPEAKER: If there is no further discussion, the motion to adopt the Committee amendments is in order. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Savage voting aye.

CLERK: Voting aye.