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SENATOR MARVEL: May I identify it? Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This last amendment to 603 is 16 pages long and only does one thing, that is to provide a deficiency appropriation of \$1,625,807 for special education. This is the difference between what the Legislature originally approved last year, and what the Governor item vetoed the amount down to. I do this as the Chairman of the Committee, even if I do not approve the adoption of the amendment. We do not have firm figures. In fairness to those interested in this the vote in the committee was 7 to 2 in favor of this amendment. If, as a result of the new Rules and Regulations of the Department of Education, all this money is not necessary it will then lapse. I move the adoption of this last committee amendment to LB 603.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I told Senator Marvel I was going to do this after some of the comments he made earlier in the week about some of the things I've said. I'd like to express my appreciation to the Budget Committee and the Chairman of the Budget Committee for addressing the serious problem of trying to provide a solution to the funding process for school districts this year. I commend them for putting this particular proposal for it. I urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the amendment to 603. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the Marvel amendment number 4.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: One other amendment on the Clerk's desk. It's just a bunch of figures. I'll tell you what they mean. When we approve the salary increase for state employees this was not taken into account as far as the State Board of Agriculture is concerned. This is an amendment that adds slightly less than \$2,000 to the State Board of Agriculture so they can pay their employees 5% plus \$468. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? The question is the adoption of Senator Marvel's amendment to 603. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Bereuter. Identified as amendment number 6. (Read amendment found on page 1727 in Journal).

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I offer this amendment after working on it for almost four weeks now with members of the legislative staff, on my own, and talking with a few Senators about the implications of it. What I'm suggesting here I will also suggest if successful on each of the other appropriation bills that have to do with general operating expenses, namely 604, 605, 607 and 610.