

am not objecting to the purposes, whatsoever, but I think it would be desirable that this bill be held along with the other work the Education Committee is doing supposedly to be passed next session. You understand that will have no effect if it has cost containment features, a bill passed next session will have no effect on budgets until '86-87. It will have no effect on, correction, until '87-88 because we are not going to change programs on schools reimbursement after they already have spent the money. So I would urge that you bracket the bill and leave whatever expansion, or contraction, or adjustment that is going to be made in the whole area of special education be handled in a single matter rather than expand the program at this time knowing full well that at least a lot of people are of the opinion that better guidelines need to be established for cost containment. So I would urge you to vote to bracket the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. The Chair would like to announce...make an announcement that should be of interest to all of you. You have probably discovered now that the phone system is not working or it is working erratically and the Clerk tells me that they are going to have to undergo major repair to find out the diagnosis and repair of it so you are up to your own device as to how to communicate with others now. And ignore the lights on your desk, the phone lights. Next on the speaker's list is Senator Vickers on the priority motion of Senator Warner.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I have mixed emotions on Senator Warner's comments that he just made because I agree with much of what he said but I do not believe that it is appropriate to hold up LB 518 because of the concern of Senator Warner's and a lot of other people about the escalating costs of special education. LB 518, the policy espoused in 518 is a correct policy, it seems to me, the policy being that if a school district is required to provide residential care that the state because of the very nature of the requirements of special education ought to pick up the cost of that residential care. That is the policy in LB 518. The question of what should or what is the proper way to put a cap on the growing cost of special education is in my mind a separate question, but I would indicate to the body and to Senator Warner that because of LB 714 which was a bill designed to hold down the cost of special education, which was designed to put a cap on the