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we still have capital improvements in this bill, is that true? They're included? Now, what we're going to do if we allow this amendment to be attached to this bill, our E.S.U.'s are going to be building ivory towers instead of giving service to the children and don't think they won't.

SPEAKER: Chair next recognizes Senator Waldron, then we'll get to you, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I would like to see Senator Barnett hold his amendment over for one day so we have a chance to study it and see what the impact will be on the Educational Service Unit.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, do you care to respond?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, that would be all right, Senator Waldron, but it would depend on what time we could take it up tomorrow. I'd be real happy to do it. I'd like to, if I could, if this would help explain it, we're not trying to put anything through, Senator Nore, to build any ivory towers. The whole reason is that the Educational Service Units can, without this bill, establish a purchasing service to pool local area purchasing requests. The only difference is that they cannot buy the equipment as a part of the Educational Service Unit. They can buy it for the local district on a direct bill back basis. In other words, we need it for the equipment to do the work within the E.S.U.'s. I hope I have explained that a little more clearly than I did before, Senator Duis.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, do you care to be recognized? Yes sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Before we discuss it any further, can we do it if we want to do it? Is this amendment germane to the sections of the bill which will permit it. I don't know. Ask for information.

SPEAKER: Well, the Chair doesn't know either at this point. Senator Stahmer. For what purpose do you rise, Senator? We have before us the Barnett amendment to L.B. 197.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, I merely point out that we're not only already dealing with school districts, we're dealing with voc tech colleges which are completely different type an entity of government and so already we're not quote, dealing with, just with school districts, we're dealing with two entities of government already and this would be a third. I'm neither speaking, personally I would probably favor Senator Barnett's idea, but we're already in two major areas now. This would just be a third major area. We're not just dealing with school districts, in other words.

(No one speaking into microphone at this point)

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, you've asked an extremely difficult question of the Chair. It is the Chair's understanding, of course, that E.S.U.'s are covered under their own statutes or another set of statutes here, but the thrust of this bill is lease purchase. I don't know that the Chair has the qualifications to define that fine line as to which side it would fall on. Let's, I think I would rule that the E.S.U.'s amendment is in order for us to consider it. If somebody wants to appeal from the decision of the Chair on that, why that's fine with the Chair and I won't be offended, of course, so I would accept the amendment and then we can either argue it and take care of it that way or not, there's some people wandering around with some statute books in their hands here that may offer some clarification. I would accept the amendment or I consider the amendment to this bill proper at this point.