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SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the motion? Senator Warner, do you wish to be heard on the motion to introduce the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, I just wonder if I understand it correctly, is this, you didn't quite state it Senator Whitney, is this what I read in the paper that the state would be paying seventy five percent of the cost of the ESU's with a minimum of a quarter of a mill levy and then I assume that there was something about a commission, did I understand when they read the title, a state commission on educational service units or something?

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, do you care to respond?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Warner, I don't recall that the state commission is in the bill, at the moment, I just can't recall that, but you are correct that we reduce the property tax to one quarter of one mill, for the educational service units.

SENATOR WARNER: Could I ask what is your estimated budget impact then on the state?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Just off hand, I can't give the dollar figure, but I'd be very happy to get it for you.

SENATOR WARNER: Well would it be in the vicinity of three and half or four million?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, it likely would be, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

SENATOR WHITNEY: And this would be a definite way of cutting down on our property taxes, a thing I feel all of us would agree to, because we already have put it in the law that parents should be able to obtain an education for their mental retarded boys and girls and if we are going to require this, I think that we should get the job done, rather than have to force parents to go to court, to force their school districts, many of which are turning them down, and I feel that this is very important.

SPEAKER: Next to speak on the issue is Senator Carpenter, we are speaking just on the issue to introduce the bill, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to ask Senator Whitney a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney will you yield to a question?

SENATOR CARPENTER: You would expect to have a hearing on this bill?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes. We'd expect to have a hearing on this bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Next to speak is Senator Kennedy, we are speaking now on the motion to introduce the bill, Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I don't have an objection to introducing the bill, but because it isn't related in the statutes to the bill that we have in our committee -

SPEAKER: Senator Kennedy we are not on that issue at this point.

SENATOR KENNEDY: But I would like to state and Terry Carpenter or Senator Carpenter just made the question to, this is a very important bill, because it does more than we felt the introducer was saying.