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SPEAKER: Thank you, I didn't mean to be rude, but I'm trying to dispatch one issue at a time here. Thank you. Senator Lewis did you wish to be heard on the introduction of this bill? You're passing, fine, Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow members, I served on this sub committee, and we have many ESU's doing a great job in carrying out the intent of this body on I think it was LB 301, I believe, Roth Rasmussen's ESU bill which created the ESU's and the intent of this body was it's main thrust was to try to provide a quality education for these children that were being turned away from our public schools. We find in some areas of the state these children are not getting a quality education, their not being taken care of and we think this bill will probably do the job and there shouldn't be any opposition to it.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the motion to introduce the bill, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I do have a question of Senator Whitney.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SPEAKER: Do you yield?

SENATOR LEWIS: Now what you are proposing is that ESU mill levy be cut down to one fourth for all services?

SENATOR WHITNEY: To one quarter of a mill, but the state will make up the difference.

SENATOR LEWIS: In other words it wouldn't have anything to do with the ability of the district in raising money?

SENATOR WHITNEY: That's right.

SENATOR LEWIS: This would be a straight across the board a type of approach rather than anything in regard to equalization as far as property taxes are concerned.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, we intend that we shall have just as good a program as we now have in those areas where they do have programs for the mental retarded, but we are going to insist on having all the mental retarded boys and girls taken care of throughout the whole state.

SPEAKER: Now is there any further discussion of the motion to introduce the bill, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I've got a lot of stuff on my desk and I might have missed it, but is your explanation on our desk about

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