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we need to continue the ongoing program at Cozad.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nore, then Senator Stahmer, then Senator Whitney.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow members I'd like to blunt like Senator Carpenter too, I think that Senator Whitney might have been delt a little dirty pool here this morning in your arguments. We have always been for this school, all we want is equity, and I say again I think we have, just been delt a little bit of dirty pool, there is nobody that has tried to help these retarded children any more than we have, and we are going to continue to do it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer, still speaking on LB 336.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well again I'd like to point out that there is a law suit now pending before a Federal judge here in Nebraska, concerning what is or is not appropriate for the treatment of retarded people, and what programs are best and whether institutionalization is good or not good and I think perhaps the when that decision comes down it well might have some bearing on what we are discussing here today, but again just to re-iterate what I said before, I think the chief need for this state is to develop programs across the state that meet the needs of all children which is not now being done and that are equitable, and I think that speaks for itself.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney. Senator Whitney I would remind you that you have spoken twice on the bill already.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, the rules say that even though I have spoken twice, I can rise for a point of explanation, that's all I'm going to do -

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Is to explain to Senator Frank Lewis by reading this proposed bill, Senator Lewis I hope you are listening, here I'm reading this on page 12, individual educational service units shall provide special education programs for educable mentally retarded trainable mental retarded and other retarded persons in those schools not having such a program provided by the local school district. Adjacent education service units may jointly provide that such a program, such programs shall meet the standards established by the office of mental retardation.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Since Senator Whitney was explaining that, let me just ask you this question.

PRESIDENT: Just a minute, Senator Whitney do you yield to a question?

SENATOR LEWIS: Will all the state money we use as replacement money for ESU be used for mental retardation?

SENATOR WHITNEY: The money would be used for special programs including speech therapy, which I would say to some extent indicates a handicap to a boy or girl. Speech therapy for example. The educational service units now take care of remedial reading for boys and girls who are behind in their work. I would say that applies to people who are to some extent have lacked something, and I don't like to say it's mental retarded but I'm inclined to think it is. In other words, these educational