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service units were originally designed for the purpose of taking care of these people that are handicaped in some way and when we are thinking in the terms of education, that's the case, and like at Sidney for example, they have boys and girls there who they give night training, they go there and sleep in a residence just like they do in Cozad, it's exactly the same thing they are doing there and they are doing it other places, so they are giving training in living, training at night, and training in the day time, training all the time, because they are there the week around.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I didn't get an answer to my question, so I'll follow it up with another question. I know you've studied this very carefully and would you say three fourths of all costs of educational service units, is involved in all three of the programs, I'll broaden that from mental retardation to speech therapy and to remedial reading? You want to pick up three fourths of the cost, now three fourths of that is being done state wide in ESU's.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I would say yes that at least three quarters of it, if this bill is passed, would be for mental retardation and for the broader definition that you are saying of those who have some handicap.

SENATOR LEWIS: We certainly are changing our priorities now, because a lot of it is being used for computer services, a lot of it is being used for drivers education, a hell of a lot of it is being used for administrative costs, and now you want the state to pick it up, and I think we have to look at what our priorities are, and if we want to put money in mental retardation, and that's our priority, let's put it in there instead of giving three quarters of a lump sum to an ESU unit which they can spread over everything they want to.

SENATOR WHITNEY: This is the purpose of this bill Senator Lewis, is to do this very thing, it's because the original educational service unit bill was passed primarily to take care of the mental retarded in the state and that is why I voted for the bill in the first place, and so this would give more state control over the educational service units where we can make at least three quarters of this cost.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well they departed from their original purpose in my judgement then. I think the thing is I think we have an opportunity to provide state money, in other ways other than a three fourths of a mill reduction back the ESU's, but that's back to your bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis -

SENATOR LEWIS: Your right, it's not germane but I still think that it was necessary to bring it up at this point.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would prefer if you just ask a question fine, but under the rules it really isn't permissible for the dialogue, for the exchange of dialogue and I would call you to order on that.

SENATOR LEWIS: Yeah, I'm glad you did that after I finished all my questions though.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.