

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there any bills for introduction?

CLERK: Read

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: MR. Chairman, members of the committee this was a bill put in by one of our subcommittees in the appropriation committee, Senator Whitney was chairman of that and I would like to have him explain the bill as to what the bill does.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature, this request 758 was put on your desks, the intent is there, and there is created a commission on educational service units which will submit a copy of each educational service unit budget to the state board of education and of course the state board of education is subject to the desires of the legislature. All counties would be included in the educational service units and including the school districts in Omaha and Lincoln. Each service unit shall provide education for the mentally retarded in those schools not having such a program. The service units may jointly provide such a program with the school districts. They....there would be a reduction in the mil levy and the difference picked up by the state. Now, I would like to say that this committee functions as a result of a mandate from this legislature to make a study. We visited at least 13 different institutions in the state and our biggest crowd was in Omaha, they are having a great problem in this regard in Omaha and want something more done and I feel that it is my duty as chairman of this subcommittee that I do everything in my power to get this bill introduced and before a public hearing because I feel that since there were 100's of people involved throughout the state in public hearings that we owe it to them to at least have a public hearing in the legislature on this recommendation of the interim study committee.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, and Senator Whitney, I will support your bill and I will also help you to introduce this bill so that you will have a public hearing. I would hope that you would take note of this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just a point of order. Is it possible for example under the rules is there some procedure to have these public hearings when they are required as Senator Whitney's would probably at one oclock until two, so in no way would it disturb us functioning the full day in so far as consideration of bills. Bearing in mind that we are probably going to hear only one bill at a time and I would think that that is probably possible, feasible and profitable.

PRESIDENT: No problem as far as the Chair or the Rules.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What procedure the Chair and the Clerk in order to establish that procedure. We make a motion