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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I'd respond by saying that per pupil cost comes off mill levies and if you don't have the assessed valuation, that's where the real rub is. I certainly want to see us push this forward. I certainly want to see 30 votes for it. I certainly am, if I may, Mr. Chairman, I don't think I was officially recognized but I know the graciousness of the chair so...

SENATOR DUIS: No, I asked you a question.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Okay, I guess I've answered it.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you very much. Now I would like to ask you another question if I might. Would you have any objection to bracketing your bill 172 until say Thursday of next week and give 472 a chance between now and next Thursday to have some discussion on it to see how these two bills dovetail together and that we might bring them both about and have your bill for stop-gap and the 472 for the permanent and not get into the difficulty of having this bill going along in maybe some fashion that you may want to have it on General File in order to change it? I would certainly appreciate it if you might bracket it until Thursday of next week and then we'd also attempt to have 472 up at the same time.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll tell you what I'll do. I think that certainly we have expended our time on debating this bill and I hate to see a rerun of it. I would certainly go for simply moving it over to Select File and bracketing it at that time. If we're going to change it and there's 25 votes to change it and make it compatible and I want the bill compatible and I want the bill to have 30 votes, I think we can do it that way so we don't have to go through the same process of the hour and 12 minutes we've spent here.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I don't think, Senator Lewis, that that's going to be accomplished by running it over there because it takes 25 votes on Select File to amend the bill now and I would say that if you were to do that in its present form with your amendment now on the, and I believe we're still in the process of adopting the committee amendments, as the committee amendments have been adopted by you, I'm wondering if you're going to have 30 votes. This is what's bothering me and worrying me.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, if I don't have I will make whatever decisions are necessary to try to get 30 votes. We're going to have to have it over there and we might as well put it onto Select File and, first of all you know I'm not slick enough to pull a political move anyway and I think my word's good. I'd lay it over there and try to work to get the 30 votes necessary but I think we ought to try to move the bill on right now since we've gone through an hour and a half of this.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, actually if I recall the vote correctly on your amendment to the committee amendment, it's not indicative of 25 votes. Now you've got a problem and I'm just wondering if the graciousness of yourself to bracket the bill now rather than trying to force the hand. Now you make up your own mind, whether you want to shoot the works or if you want to bracket it, why you go right ahead but I have a feeling somewhere along the line that maybe you might have gathered a vote or two on your amendment that was put there for the possibility of not supporting you when it got over there because of your amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I wonder if I could take a minute and refer the Legislature to the forms that we passed out so we can give you a little background because I think it's pertinent to what we're talking about. Would you, those of you who are