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LB 311A

to make this short. We did check into the federal funds in this area of retardation. As far as we know, there is a good possibility that there will be some funds cut off around October and if you were to adopt this motion and advance this bill, I'd only point out that this is a code agency. It is under the control of the Governor and if there were the funds coming in, I would assume that he would not allow for excess spending and I would only say, that if the funds are cut off, it possibly could save us a special session and for that reason I move for the unbracketing of the bill and its passage and if there aren't enough votes now, I'm not going to ask for roll call.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the motion? Senator Anderson, do you care to be heard on the motion?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll rise to briefly support Senator Stahmer on his motion. I would like to point out that according to the information that I have been able to get under both from our fiscal analyst staff and from the Governors fiscal analyst people, budget people, the original budget that was developed for the regional mental retardation service was based on the concept which the attorney general had said must prevail on terms of financing and this is that the local areas would provide 40% of the total budget and that the presupposition of a adequate budget was based on them providing 40% of this total. There is only one area that has historically demonstrated any kind of a capability towards providing this 40% at all and of course now the passage of 311, 7 days ago, has set us back to providing the local area providing 40% of the State, local total, which is a realistic area. So if we are going to provide a adequate budget in terms of 40% local, 40 state, and then federal on top of that, the passage of 311A is necessary.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Senator Stahmer then you may close on your motion. Did I hear correctly that you asked for a roll call vote?

SENATOR STAHMER: No, I said I would not ask for one, but I'd only point out one thing in closing. This is 500,000. I did not mention that and as I say, it is under the discretion of the Governor and it might save us a special session. So I move that we unbracket it.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion which is to unbracket LB 311A. All those in favor of unbracketing the bill will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Again the chair would rule that this would require 25 votes in view of the fact that it rescinds the previous motion binding the body. Once again, have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, LB 311A is unbracketed. Senator Stahmer, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR STAHMER: Again another thing I didn't point out. Senator Carpenter worked on this 311 bill for, helping our interim study committee and I just point out that I think it does have much need at this time. So I would vote to advance the bill, to vote for the passage of LB 311A.

PRESIDENT: All right, attention please the final reading of LB 311A.

CLERK: LB 311A.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question now is, shall the bill pass. All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no.