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SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'll ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment, and if necessary I would like to put it on Select File.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to Senator Whitney withdrawing his amendment? Hearing none. So ordered. The amendment is withdrawn then. Senator Kennedy we are back to you then. For your committee amendments.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, I would ask if there are no further questions that the amendment be adopted as now offered by the Health and Welfare Committee.

PRESIDENT: All right, now we have the substituted amendment by Senator Kennedy for the committee amendments under discussion. Senator Stull.'

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Kennedy a question.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, Certainly.'

SENATOR STULL: Senator Kennedy if a child is ten miles from the school and we pay transportation for 175 days, or at the rate of \$4 a day, during the year the transportation costs would be \$700. Now if there is a youngster, say in my legislative district and they bring him down and come and get him at Christmas, and then would bring him back after Christmas. Would they get paid for each trip.

SENATOR KENNEDY: In the way we've opened this up, originally there were 5 trips in limitation. Now we've opened it up.. No, excuse me there is an amendment to that fact, but the way it is now they are limited to 5 trips a year. There were parents here yesterday, they thought we were going to take this up, and I was instructed by these parents, some of them had sixty miles, some of them had 140 miles. They said they would not make over 5 trips a year. I have a feeling these people are not going to abuse the law that we give them. Now we may have to come back and correct that, but I just have a feeling these people will be real good to get along with. They are going to use all transportation. The public transportation available. But the way the law is now, there is 5 trips limited, up to the 400, but with the new law we're talking about here today, the limitation will be off, all children will be treated equal. If they have 140 miles to travel they can have their transportation paid for 5 trips there is no total, and this is what you are asking. And I'm hoping we treat all children the same and all parents the same in this category.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Dickinson

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President and members of the body can I ask Senator Kennedy a question please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy yield?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Certainly.