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failed...within one vote of being enacted and I think that probably we can come up with something that I could support. So therefore I say I support the Whitney amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I believe Senator Anderson wanted me to respond to his question as well. And let me say it this way, it's still true, if you adopt the Whitney amendment, you add a pro-rating to equalization. If you want to avoid that, then you have to put a great deal more money, to make the formula work is the way Senator Whitney is proposing, you'd probably have to change that 50-50 split between foundation and equalization....to like 30% in foundation and probably at least 70% in equalization to have equalization fully funded. If you leave the bill as it is, including those schools that many of you feel would be benefited, they will not be benefited. There are provisions in the bill, section 14, that could benefit the type of school that you are pointing out but the increase in insured need is way above what is needed in terms of the average cost per pupil for the state. Only will result as I say in pro-rating equalization or else you end up with a great deal more cost in the bill in order to provide that level of funding that does not accomplish what many of you that have spoken for it probably feel that it would.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: No.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? If there is none, then Senator Whitney you may close. Senator Whitney is closing on his amendment to Senator Warner's amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I just want to say, Mr. President, that this is the reason why the original Duis amendment was put on the Warner bill. Was because Senator Duis had updated the cost and put in fairly satisfactory cost figures so far as cost figures are concerned. There are still other things that are problems in the bill. And so this is the reason why we turn down Senator Warner's LB772 to start with and took over Senator Duis' bill. And now what we want to do apparently here, what the proponents of the Warner amendments want to do, is simply to have a 50-50 foundation, equalization aid. And then make it his bill even worse than it was before. So in my judgment what we're adopting here is something that is far worse than Senator Warner's original bill and we'd ought to go back to his original bill and the 60-40 basis. Or else accept this amendment which I have and that's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is, shall the Whitney amendment to the Warner amendment be adopted. This requires 25 votes. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. This is the Whitney amendment to the Warner amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 15 nays.

PRESIDENT: Whitney amendment fails. Senator Warner. Are we on your amendment now? Clerk, do you have that amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, we still have to adopt the Warner amendment.

PRESIDENT: Yes, that's what we're on, the Clerk will read the amendment.