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(Continuation of roll call vote)

CLERK: 19 ayes, 25 nays, remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost. Now we come back to the Whitney original amendment and as I understand it is in the Journal which is now unchanged. Now, Senator Whitney, what is your pleasure regarding that amendment which is in the Journal?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This amendment which is in the Journal now uses the figures in reference to insured needs which were in the original Duis bill. I presume that some of you voted against this because you wanted to have the Duis bill in this particular bill. But in reference to the insured needs. Now, what we do on insured needs is to attempt to arrive at what the cost would be some time in the future when the bill would be in effect and then subtract from that the amount of mills which in this case as I recall it would be 12 mills times the assessed value. After deducting that from the insured needs, that gives you the equalization aid. Now the equalization aid then would be a little better for some of the schools that are not now getting the equalization aid they should be getting. Now for example in the small town schools up to say 6,000 population, it would give them a little more aid. And it would not take very much away from some of the other schools that are getting many, many dollars more than these other schools. So I move this amendment then to this bill to LB984.

PRESIDENT: All right now, we actually have two motions. I think there's a motion up here to adjourn and I'm going to assume that it isn't going to be possible for us this afternoon to thrash out this amendment and bring it to a vote. There is another amendment anyway pending here. We have some other business that has to come before the Body. Senator Warner, I'll call on you for a comment but I don't see how we can go ahead and finish the debate on the bill today. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I was just going to say if the other amendment is mine, that's just a corrective thing and that wouldn't take two seconds if we could dispose of this now so the bill could be expedited. But I don't know how many want to talk.

PRESIDENT: Well, I only have two that apparently want to talk. Richard Lewis was to talk. Senator Lewis back there, Richard Lewis, like you know, do you want to speak on the Whitney amendment? Okay, fine, let's try it. I have only one real dissenter that's said something about wanting to go ahead and adjourn so I can sit here until the pressure gets too bad. Okay, Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I think that there's been a lot of talk about compromise here but any time we pass a school aid bill, if we pass one of this size, we're talking about raising the state sales tax and the state income tax and I can't in good conscience go back to the people in my part of the state and explain to them why we raised the sales tax and the state income tax and at the same time they're not getting any more relief, which they won't, from these proposals that have been offered up to date because they're going to be faced with an increase in a sales tax and an increase in an income tax and keep right on paying the same or practically the