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PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy, Goodrich, Mahoney.

SENATOR MURPHY: I have had considerable concern, reading this bill and it's difficult for me to understand how we could get to this stage with a bill that had been so carefully considered. We now have approximately six rather cumbersome amendments to this bill that I find personally many unanswered questions in it. I question the funding procedure that says the state shall provide 75% of the budget proposed. But that all fees and grants and other income to a particular center shall be their contribution, which means that the state shall fund this thing totally. I question seriously the matter of how well determined the cost is. The latest amendment, I think it's the latest. It's the last one across my desk this morning. Says that the director shall be the person who shall determine these fees. I think this bill is in every..or very bad shape. I think all these lengthy amendments at the end bear that out. And I think it would be unwise to take this step forward, as Senator Stahmer, because I think that this step forward, you are standing right at the edge of a cliff.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich. Speaking only on the Marvel amendment.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, maybe this is the wrong time to say it then. But what it boils down to is I just wanted the body to know that I have reviewed the Whitney, Stahmer, Nore amendment and I am agreeing to pull my amendment off of the bill in favor of there's.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Mahoney, speaking on just the Marvel amendment here. 302.

SENATOR MAHONEY: On the Marvel amendment. Would I be able to ask Senator Stahmer a question here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer yield to a question.

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR MAHONEY; Senator Stahmer without a long answer. With just the shorties...Some of my best friends are shorties...try me...Are we talking about professional people, are we talking about people that have been running the present program now?

SENATOR STAHMER: You mean in the bill as it would be. If you accepted our amendments

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, in essence what it does. It does in mental health what we have already done in LB311 in mental retardation. Namely identify regents. The same regents we have mental retardation and it calls for...

SENATOR MAHONEY: O.K. that's about as far as I want you to go. Tell me, are you taking. Who are you taking control away from?