

of this body to support Senator Murphy's kill motion, unless you really and truly do want to take over the control of the local school system. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I was going to not speak. I think enough has been said already, but I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question, if he would permit it. Senator Wesely, and I don't mean this in any type, shape or form of embarrassment, but would you mind telling us where you got the bill? I..I'm...that's what concerns me the most.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Duis, this bill and this idea was first initiated by the Nebraska Association for Retarded Citizens who I have worked with in the past, and we discussed some different ways in which we can deal with the problem of mental retardation, and this was one of the ideas. Sitting down, I pursued the matter further.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, my query to you now is, did they contact the State Department of Education before they asked for legislation?

SENATOR WESELY: I can't answer that. I don't know.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I wish they would, because I don't believe that they need legislation to accomplish what they want to, because I would presume that the State Department of Education could help them somewhat, and in mandating this by statute we're thereby doing what should probably be done by instruction, and therefore I would support the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just briefly, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is kind of a difficult issue to deal with, because some people I believe are genuinely concerned about the local schools keeping control of what they teach. But on the other hand, there are sometimes overriding social or human issues which will take priority over the concept of a local school board determining what will and will not be in the schools. When it comes to mental retardation, some people are still called crazy. They're called insane. They're considered to be freaks, and in general there is an unwholesome attitude in the society toward those