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SENATOR CHAMBERS: If he withdrew it I think mine would have amended that so you can discount mine also.

CLERK: Okay. Senator, you now have another to amend section 4, lines 15 and 16, strike the words: "A physical examination or".

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Madam Chairman, I am finding my location here. The purpose of this amendment is to require a physical examination without allowing any exceptions. Now the reason for the physical examination which no parent could forego is to ensure that other children may not be exposed to an infectious disease. If a parent, for whatever reasons, is going to deny his or her child immunization, the other children should not be exposed to the possibility of diseases. The physical examination does not involve any ingestion of medication nor application of medication but only a determination of the status of the child's health at the time the examination is given. If you allow the foregoing by a parent of the physical examination it jeopardizes the health and welfare of the other children, therefore, I am offering an amendment whose intent is to make the physical examination mandatory in all cases. Senator Lamb, that is what the amendment does and if it costs the state some money, then perhaps that is the reason to vote against it.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: A question of Senator Chambers, please, Madam Chairman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Is it your understanding, Senator Chambers, that the language on page 464 of the Journal, lines... at the bottom of the page, 9 and 10, are they still in the bill which provides an exception for physical examinations?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lamb, I honestly don't know what is still in the bill but let me look at that and see if I can tell you, but I do know what I want to get out of it with reference to the physical.

SENATOR LAMB: While you are looking that up, Senator Chambers, I would just ask this body if you really think that it is necessary for this to be made mandatory. Another concern which was suggested by one of the superintendents