

April 5, 1979

LB 101

comes to you and says, it is a useless, unnecessary agency, ask them if they know what it is like. I have close association in my family with some handicapped people and it is a very very lonely situation to find yourself in and when you question whether or not you can afford it, then take a good look at the other \$600,000,000 and ask if there is any place there you can save that amount of money that Senator Labeledz is asking for in this instance. I heartily support the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. The question before the house is ceasing of debate. Have you all voted? Cease debate. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Newell, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, to respond just briefly to Senator Schmit. You know, Senator Schmit, this amendment that I offered does not change the fact that we will spend \$210,000 under this fiscal note. I am not so cheap and I am not so unfeeling as to say that there should not be a commission for the deaf but what I am saying, Senator Schmit, is this, that there are a whole lot of other people that also should be represented that have some sort of, and let's be honest about this, it is a policy making, it is a lobbying sort of thing, it is a consciousness raising organization that is supposed to bring the problems of these individuals to the attention of the state government and to the attention of the public at large and I am not so unfeeling as to say that I do not support this because I will, I do, but what I am saying, Senator Schmit, and I would hope you would listen. I don't know what you and Senator Kelly have... If you would listen I would ask you that, I am not so unfeeling as to support this but I think what we are doing here is making a mistake. There are going to be other individual groups with equally as important handicaps and they are going to ask to be funded and they are going to ask to have a