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LB 226

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Koch has briefly explained the bill, however, I have one question. In committee the emergency clause was adopted and I see it is not in the bill book. I would ask Senator Koch, is that included in the committee amendments which we just adopted?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Lamb, that was an oversight and it was adopted and I would ask that that be adopted at the same time, the emergency clause. It was an oversight. It was not reported as a part of the amendment. We can do that separately too. Can't we? It doesn't make any difference, Senator Lamb. You have to get 33 votes under any condition.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to make a motion to adopt the emergency clause?

SENATOR KOCH: I would make that motion, yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of adding the emergency clause to 226 vote aye, opposed no. The motion is the emergency clause on 226. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the emergency clause is added to the bill. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: As most of you remember, last year LB 889 was passed by this Legislature which required that school districts be responsible for programs for handicapped children below the age of five years. LB 226 modifies that bill in line with federal guidelines in that it relieves the school district of the responsibility of those children below three years of age. In other words we still will have the four and five year old children being the responsibility of the local school district as is required by federal guidelines, however, this bill would remove the children below age three from the school's responsibility. What we have really today here is a bill concerned with philosophy. We are asking whether or not you believe that the school should have the responsibility for handicapped children from the cradle to age twenty one. I submit that it should not, that there are other agencies who are currently caring for these younger children and that they will continue to be caring