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for these children even after the passage of LB 226. I submit that there is no real purpose in funnelling the money that will go to the services that these young children receive. The money would be funnelled, not through the school district but directly to the agencies which are now caring for those people. Another point in support of LB 226 is that by funnelling the money through the school district as required in LB 889, the local district is required to pick up 10% of the cost. Now if we take this money directly from the state fund to the agencies responsible, then it is not necessary then for the local property owners to pick up that 10% and the whole burden then will be borne by the state's general fund. Now it is very difficult to stand up here because we have some very fluent ladies back in the rotunda who have been working very diligently and they are certainly opposed to the bill. Now there seems to be one group, what is called the 6-B Program which was originally federally funded, which may be left out if LB 226 is passed so I have offered an amendment which is on the Clerk's desk and which has been circulated which would take care of that situation which would allow for those funds to continue to be spent on those children. So, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that...I have an amendment up there and I think...I don't know when you want to...I think there are two amendments. One is merely technical and the other one provides money for those 6-B students.

CLERK: Senator, do you wish the amendment that is in the Journal, is that the one you would like to discuss? Mr. President, Senator Lamb moves to amend LB 226 and the amendment is on page 1121 of the Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: This is purely, Mr. Chairman, a technical amendment. The bill was drafted in error and it merely adds a line which is inadvertently deleted from the bill. Would it be in order, Mr. Chairman, to consider both of those amendments, the other amendment I have, at the same time?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I was objecting to Senator Lamb's request that those be taken together. I certainly think the technical amendment is in order. Then we ought to take the others in the order in which they come.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, first of all, why don't you