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LB 226

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck to close on his kill motion.

SENATOR SIECK: I do appreciate, Mr. President and the members of the body, the support that I am having on this issue. I am a little disappointed at Senator Stoney's remarks, that saying that these people were taken care of by our former generations. I can recall when they were hid in the closet, that they were left to themselves, a very difficult situation. Now he also spoke of the tremendous amount of money that it is going to take. Now none of this money will be earmarked until it is needed. As I understand the present program will be between one and two million dollars and I think the Educational Department has that stacked up to four million. Now this fund doesn't necessarily have to be used. It is just something that they are shooting for because it is an unknown. They don't know where they are going. I can recall when my son was born, it was quite a shock and we went to a specialist in Lincoln who had special need of individuals like this and the response he gave to me was, there is not much we can do. He is in God's care. That was the best remark that he could make because it stuck with me and I decided that I was going to keep him in the open. I was going to do my utmost to give him what I could. Today he is working here in Lincoln in a workshop, living in an apartment and almost paying his own way. So you can do something with these children but there are a lot of individuals out there that are not doing this and this is why I feel that we should, Senator Kennedy, former Vice President Humphrey has initiated this program at a federal level and they have given us tremendous help. Now you say that people are willing to give. I tried to get my local school district to help me support my child in a school of this type and they said, no. So they will not do it unless you mandate it that they do. With these remarks I will close and I hope you vote to kill this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to read the motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 226.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the motion to kill LB 226. Have you all voted? Senator Sieck. Record the vote. I'm sorry. Senator Lamb.

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