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LB 479

CLERK: Mr. President, there are no E & R amendments to LB 479. Senator Koch, however, has amendments pending.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, again, LB 479 is a carrier for some additional problems we have under LB 285 and you are aware of those. It has been brought to my attention and other's attention that we have a new program that goes into effect this fall and that program is the educational programs for handicapped children. That program, as you know, is in full effect beginning September 1 of this year. In our haste to move LB 285, we did not put into that piece of legislation or the body of it the fact that that is a new program and should not fall under the inclusion of the seven percent limit. So my amendment says on LB 479, "For the purposes of subdivision (2) of section 1 of this act, new program shall include education programs provided under Laws 1978, LB 889." That is clarifying and it puts it on record as a new program and I visited with Senator Carsten about this and several others and Senator DeCamp and they are agreeable that this is the right place for the amendment. I ask for the adoption of that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I concur with Senator Koch. When we were writing LB 285 and we placed in LB 285 those special programs, we wanted to be sure that those special programs were of sufficient merit that the legislative body would feel that they were of that caliber and would be designated and I emphasize the key word is "designated" and that is how we wrote into LB 285 those provisions. Now my understanding is, and I hope Senator Koch will correct me if I am wrong, but my understanding is his amendment will correct that special program that has been mandated but was not as such designated as a special program and it is to clarify that for this first year. I would encourage you to support the amendment. It is a technical, really a technical part of the 285 procedure. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to LB 479? Are you ready to speak to 479? Your light is on.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I was going to act outraged that they would try to amend it but I really don't care. The bill does have to pass, I think, if you are going to make the other lid bill work and I would repeat that one more time.