

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Lewis and I have been talking about this all afternoon across the aisle here and I do support the 75 million that would go in state aid to education. I do think that it is wrong at the present time to put it in this bill and clutter up the bill. Perhaps have a rough time line iteming out certain things because I feel the Governor will probably veto the 75 million and we will have to go at like we did with LB 33. So I would ask you not to add the Lewis amendment to this bill. I am no way pulling my support away from state aid to education.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Your light was on, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Question of Senator Lewis please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, do you yield?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Lewis, in drafting this amendment have you made the inquiry of Mr. Cutshall that this is germane to the subject of the bill?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, I have.

SENATOR KOCH: Secondly, in view of the fact that this bill has an Attorney General's opinion that makes it suspect, what would this then do to what we are talking about your amendment?

SENATOR LEWIS: Not a thing. But in order to resolve those problems at hand I have asked that we put a severability clause on it, which we will do on Select File.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Lewis amendment to LB 882. Senator Lewis, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, as you know, and the votes previously have precipitated the concern that this is highly controversial. It can be debated for quite some time. I don't think that there are 30 votes for this bill. I don't think that there are 30 votes for the appropriation if that was the direction one would want to go. But out of the spirit of compromise to reflect the mood of the membership in a vote this morning, that this is certainly an integral part of aid to schools. The personal property tax bill is aid to schools, counties and other local subdivisions. That is what this bill is about. Nothing else. It has nothing to do with personal property tax. Personal property tax is off the rolls. That is a moot question.