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in the law that would hopefully give the authority to the school districts to perhaps hold, in the end, down the growth of special education, the growth as far as the total costs are concerned. I want to make it very clear that it is not an attempt to get the state out of its financial responsibility of meeting those costs under the 90-10 percentage that we've always had. The committee discussed the bill yesterday in Executive Session. All members of the committee have signed the bill. I would like to ask for the 30 votes from the body to suspend the rules to allow us to introduce this bill, have a public hearing on it, and to allow us to exceed our eight bill limit. It is not...This is the first time that I've ever done this, introduce a bill this late in the session. I can assure you that it's not that we don't have enough to do in the Education Committee, and it's not that we don't have enough bills already before this body, but it is because we have seen a tremendous growth in this particular area as far as costs are concerned. I believe it is time that we start talking about some logical ways to address that problem, some logical ways to hopefully put some language in the statutes that will give both the school districts and the Department of Education and us some, hopefully, ways to help hold down the cost and the increases in that cost as we look into the future in special education. With that, I would ask for the 30 votes to suspend the rules and introduce this bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Howard Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the introduction of this bill. In so doing I would like to make it clear that I support the bill if it does not negatively impact school districts in regard to special education. It is my understanding that the rules for special ed do need to be tightened down. This bill is an attempt to do that. If that is the net result of the bill I am highly supportive of it, but I will resist and want to make it clear on the record that if the local school districts have a negative impact from this bill I will probably withdraw my support at a later date. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? The question is the allowing of a bill to be introduced. Senator Cal Carsten. Excuse me.