

GENERAL FILE
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PRESIDENT: Move to the consideration of LB426. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read title. LB 426.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I move the adoption of the committee amendment. This whole amendment and the bill is simply an attempt to sub-divide the payment of state aid to the schools, so it is a little more convenient for the schools and would require a little less reserve in the state treasury if we happen to get down below a certain level. We called in Mr. Bill Schindler of the Department of Education to okay this particular amendment. He thinks that it will improve the cash flow of the state and will also improve the problems as far as schools are concerned. It does not change the formula at all, it simply changes the payment date. I move the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Would Senator Marvel yield to a question? It seems that the bill has 4 payouts, rather than 3.

SENATOR MARVEL: I see no objection to it.

SENATOR WARNER: I do not have the amendment. I assume that could be put on Select File. I think the two would then coincide.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor of adopting the committee amendment say aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it and the committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Read another amendment by Senator Stull.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, under our present formula for the distribution of state aid to education, the basis of the payout is on the preceding year's enrollment. Now the effect that this amendment would have, whenever the enrollment increased over 5%, then it would be based on the present year. The reason for this amendment is that there are several private schools in the state that are closing. The public school will have to absorb this additional enrollment and it will be an additional cost to them and this should certainly help them out with the cost. I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion of Senator Stull's amendment? The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.