

PRESIDENT: All right, you've heard the motion. Is there any need for further discussion? If you're in favor of striking that area that Senator Warner has discussed, say aye. Those opposed say no. Ayes have it, so ordered, then the amendment is stricken.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a further amendment from Senator Warner to add a new section to read, "This act shall become operative September 1, 1974." Signed, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the purpose of this amendment is merely to have an operative date so that it doesn't conflict with the existing law on this subject. It's technical in nature and it's needed. No effect as far as the....bill's concerned.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? If you're in favor of the motion, please say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered, the amendment's adopted. Are there other amendments now to the bill?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I move to strike sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Signed, Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis for his motion.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Obviously the intent of the motion is to strike the limitation clause on this particular bill. I ask you to listen very carefully the justification. First of all, I think it's time to put all the cards out there. I suspect that this particular limitation is somewhere around 13%. Now, if we're talking in terms of what a limitation is going to be, sometimes the maximum is also the minimum and I think that may be a standard that people start accepting. And secondly, if we're looking at this as a limit, again I ask you what is the purpose of placing the limit on the bill. The purpose, I suspect, is an attempt to get the bill passed. I am for LB772 as written right now. We do not need the limitation to it. The bill is finally compromised where I think that bill may be livable, for both the urban areas and the rural areas. I think the limitation LB984 is going to further confuse and clutter the bill. I think that this limit is meaningless. I think when an amendment becomes what some calls more than reasonable, it serves no purpose other than for someone to say we have a limit. And it appears strange to me that those people that elected you have duly elected school board members. Now, they must have some kind of premonition to elect us to the Legislature that know so much and to elect a school board that know so little. I think that the responsibility for expenditures rightfully belongs with the local school district. I think that some of you have seen problems that we face. For instance, the limit last year, which unfortunately was placed on and which was placed on by me much later than this time where most of the settlements had been made and we had a pretty good gauge on what the revenue was needed. Most of us in school business know there's probably some.....

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