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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Would you like to start back on the special request which, obviously, is a copy of the...

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have a Request bill 832 which draws up a new bill relating to special education. It is my understanding this came from the Appropriations Committee. Is that correct?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, let me indicate, first of all, that you have a copy of something which you say that we have requested and you got the copy before I did. So sometime along the line, I would like to ask you the question of where you got the copy but....

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I have a seal law protecting me.

SENATOR MARVEL: I realize that. I realize that. So you have a copy of a bill that I haven't seen and, therefore, that puts you in a strange position but I will be a gentleman and answer your questions, anyway, and I assume you will be a gentleman and tell me how you got it. Now, I think it's...

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I think the former is probably true. The latter is not quite. No, the question is and I think it is a serious question and I think it is important for this Legislature...

SENATOR MARVEL: May I answer your question.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Sure.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK. Do I have the floor, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: No, Senator Lewis does, but he has asked you a question.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK. All right. Now you asked, as I understand, you asked Senator Clark the question as to whether we had requested the staff to draw up proposed legislation and to also draw up proposed changes to 403 so the Appropriations Committee would have something positive to discuss with you, with the Executive Board, with regard to this Resolution. The answer is yes. Obviously, you have gotten some of the information before I have. Yes sir, we have and we used the staff for the purpose of researching special education because it is the responsibility of the Appropriations Committee to come in with recommendations.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: For authorization language.

SENATOR MARVEL: Authorization language for legislation, yes, and also, in addition to that, authorization for recommendations to any other legislation which might be proposed. In other words, if I may summarize, it is my contention that we use the staff, use every ounce of energy, of expertise that they have to give us information that we can share with others. I would rather share it with you after I have seen it, however.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, my concern is, and I think this is