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PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to support the introduction of this bill. The Appropriations Committee has a right to have it introduced. Simply to respond to Senator Lewis and say, if he's seen such a clear cut indication and intention on the part of this body, as to how to fund the local schools, he's got a lot better pair of glasses than I have. I will take time off tomorrow to see if I can get an appointment with the eye doctor. After all the discussion we've had here for about five days on whether or not we were going to advance LB 344, I would say that Senator Lewis in his wisdom and in his committee's wisdom has not given us the opportunity to discuss any other method. They didn't advance both bills out of their committee so we could discuss them. I would certainly hope we would end this ridiculous waste of time and vote to introduce this legislation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members. I'm sure that no one has a crystal ball, least of all me. The only way we could possibly fund these schools was constitutionally, as far as we were concerned. They brought 344 on the bill. In their infinite wisdom brought a bill up that's taking a hundred and fifty amendments now and still isn't done. We couldn't possibly fund on the projection that perhaps a bill would go through the Legislature. Anyone that would try to outguess the Legislature is either a fool or he's crazy, one of the two. I wouldn't attempt to do that. I don't know yet what the fate of 344 will be. Certainly, this ought to be in the bill. It's our decision to put it in the bill. Fund it this way and if they don't want it, anyone in the world can take it out, that's in here that can get 25 votes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I knew that wasn't going to be a very popular statement with some members of the Budget Committee. This is when it gets to be fun time. This is when you either get in and get wet in state government, or you forget it. Some of us like to think the most important thing is when we decide on the state bee. I think the bee was a great bill. Right now is what state government is all about, the giving and the taking of the money. The Appropriations Committee, in their judgement, wants you to let them decide how to give and how to take. Now if you want to do that, that's your business. This indian's not going to let them do it without any kind of opposition. Now what they have done with the bill, Senator Dickinson . . . I appreciate his comments. I know where he stands. He wants it that way. I don't blame him. That's the prerogative he has. He ought to push the accelerator down and try to get the job done. I don't blame the Appropriations Committee. That's the way they want to do it. That's not the way I want to do it. That's not the way I want the bill introduced. That's why we have the process of introducing the bill with 30 votes so you can raise your objections. I want you to