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I think it's somewhat unfortunate that these two issues are within the same bill, but maybe it isn't. Basically, we're talking about educational needs, we're talking about public responsibility and we're also talking about personal choice. The principle is the same whether it is in the area of the handicapped, or whether it is in the area of post secondary or higher education. I think if we had an overwhelming, crying need that we couldn't meet these needs from the public sector then there might be some justification, but I don't see that need especially in the area of post secondary education. I feel now any youngster wishing an education, in the post secondary area, can receive it and can get it and is available.

We would be remiss to divert scarce public dollars even farther than they're being diverted right now. I would urge the strong support of Senator Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to try this. When we debated this issue on General File, as you recall, I was in the process, and I promised Senator Syas that we would appear before the Attorney General and get an answer on the question of splitting those two out. Because of circumstances, I won't go into, I have not completed that assignment.

I would ask that you just leave the bill here for another day or two until I have finished looking into the splitting of those two questions either in one bill or even having to maybe split them up into two. We're not at that point yet, so I think it's a little premature. I won't respond to the arguments that Senator Dworak and Senator Chambers made. Sometimes those of us that sit here are too blind to see the needs elsewhere. I would have liked for Senator Dworak to have been with us on our study of special education as we went around the state and talked to people about the needs. He would have seen plenty of unmet needs, unmet needs that could not be resolved by the school district of Bassett or the school district of Number 46 and Valentine County.

The issue is clear. I'm not going to speak any further, Mr. Chairman. My request would be that you turn down the Chambers motion and then we'll have some information, Senator Syas, from the Attorney General's Office here in a day or two.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'd like to rise to oppose the Chambers motion. First of all I can attest to the fact, having traveled over the state with him... We had a kind of agreement that we would appear together on as many platforms as possible, even if the third contender was not present. I can attest to the fact that he is the ... acknowledged as the ... what was it, Ernie? The folk... I'll just say the folk candidate, I won't call you the folk villian.