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of transportation, approximately to a category of handicapped youngsters and I think that we ought to know what category that we are talking about.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now I have it specifically and statutorily and I want to read.....

PRESIDENT: Your time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: I am not surprised.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: (no response)

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: If I could Mr. President, I want to ask Senator Marvel a question or two and Senator Dworak if you need some more time after I get these questions answered we can go back to your stuff with Senator Lewis, but let me get the questions? You have got it now? Okay. Senator Marvel, I would like to know two things, and I am not going to put you on a stand, I would just like to visit with you about it. Would you tell me and the rest of this group how you would propose to fund...what would be the word...diagnosis diagnostic....I don't know, well you know what I am talking about. How do you propose to fund that part?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well to answer your question, I am underneath the balcony now, working on some mental retardation figures for a meeting this noon, but as soon as that meeting is over, then I will be prepared to proceed with an answer to your question. My original point was that it appeared to me that diagnosis as a promised element in this was not pinned down where we could understand it, or at least where I could understand it. Despite what Senator Koch has to say, I'm not standing up here and accusing anybody of anything. Now, as soon as I get through the work underneath under the balcony and the meeting this noon, I would propose to proceed. They asked me directly if I thought that the parents should have a responsibility in this area, and my answer is yes. When it comes to transportation....

SENATOR BARNETT: I will get to that.....just a minute, just a minute, I want to get to that in a second. I want to stay on this one. Do you know how much money is involved in the "A" bill of this part of the legislation? The diagnosis part? Is it broken down to where we have so much....

SENATOR MARVEL: Your "A" bill....do you have your form there? Turn to the "A" bill, and down at the bottom as I read this, it says that the total amount here is a little over a million dollars and it divides itself into three parts. The first part revises the total number of handicapped children eligible for special education, and that is clear down at the bottom...\$443,000. The second one includes the cost, and I think that this is the question