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LB 989

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced as amended. LB 989.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have committee amendments on 989 and I will explain what they are. They are technical amendments with the exception of two features, one of which we are dealing with the genetically handicapped, extension of the handicapped services. The one significant part of the committee amendments adopts the present state standards and guidelines for the extended program. The other one transfers the program from what was originally drafted as a Department of Health program, it transfers it to the Department of Welfare so that we can take advantage of the present crippled children's personnel and not have to hire new personnel. I move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: A question of Senator Goodrich. Do the amendments do anything to the fiscal report like raise it or lower it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: It'd lower the cost.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of adoption of the committee amendments as explained by Senator Goodrich vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the committee amendments. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried and the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now, Mr. President, members of the body, what the bill does is it adopts the crippled children's services act and it extends that act rather beyond age 21. Now the reason for that is that the cystic fibrosis youngsters through medical technology have gotten to the point where they can live beyond twenty-one years of age and, okay, the cameras are off, I hope, because we will be talking about some sensitive stuff that would be very sensitive to some youngsters that have cystic fibrosis and I hope the ETV does not print this section of the legislative debate today on their show tonight because it would be devastating to a