

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I...before we get into a serious discussion, and obviously I warned Senator Wesely this was going to happen, but I think we should adopt the amendment and then let's get to the discussion of the pro and con of whether or not this should be adopted and should be approved. I ask for the adoption of the Committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the Committee amendment to LB 63. Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the Committee amendment? Is there any other discussion on the Committee amendment? Senator Kahle. Senator Cope, do you wish to speak to the Committee amendment?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would like to ask either Senator Koch or Senator Wesely...what about the cost? There has to be additional cost? Do you have any idea? It's going to cost the local school board, and of course they're going to come back to the state, and it doesn't make any difference which place we're still paying taxes. So, would somebody answer? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Cope, I'd just like to say that on the bill you'll find that there's no fiscal impact, and so there's no fiscal impact statement, and so I would guess though, of course there's going to be some cost involved in the teaching about mental retardation in our schools, but I don't think the cost will be very great and I think they already teach Health Education, and this would just add an extra dimension to that program, so I think the cost will be very minimal.

SENATOR COPE: Well I'm sure that it won't be a cost, that is, at the present time, there's no fiscal impact, but it's like Senator Murphy just said, the Department of Education are going to be back to the Legislature I'm afraid in a year or two saying, look, you said we had to do it and we're doing it and there is this additional cost, and that's what bothers. The concept is great. I believe in it, but let's look at the cost before we vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, you don't wish to speak on the Committee amendments? We're ready for the adoption of the Committee amendments. All those in favor of adopting Senator Wesely's amendment to LB 63 vote aye, opposed vote no. Or, I'm sorry, the Committee amendments..excuse me. Have you all voted?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, call of the House.