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ready carrying on the program. So I submit to you the proper place for 226 is to be indefinitely postponed. What is probably was done for us is to remind us of our commitment and I would hope that there are enough of you who were here last year and enough of the new senators who have entered this body who will have the compassion and the intellect...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR KOCH: ...to keep that commitment even though you were not here at that time. This is a noble piece of legislation. This can be a model piece of legislation and for one of the few times this nation, this state, can become a model state in terms of an integrated sophisticated program for children from age zero through eighteen and twenty one simply because we place it where it should be, under the jurisdiction of public instruction and under the State Department of Education because only then can we coordinate, develop and bring the human resources along with the financial resources necessary to give a child who has a unique learning problem a chance to become a better human being. I urge your support of Senator Sieck's motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, then Senator Lamb and Senator Chambers. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Sieck's motion to indefinitely postpone LB 226. I was wondering the 1978 session although it was very unpopular, who opposed the enactment of LB 889 and I certainly realize the need that these young persons have but I guess I have a philosophical difference of opinion as to how this matter should be addressed. The reason, ladies and gentlemen, that the State of Nebraska is falling deeper and deeper into the problems that we face monetarily and the reason our nation is finding itself in the same category is the fact that we have attempted, and whether it be handicap programs for the young or others that have been established, we are falling deeper and deeper into the trap that we, as a government, are attempting to be all things to all people and, ladies and gentlemen, we cannot do that. The reason that this nation is so great and is so strong is because when it was established we had people with courage, with stamina that looked after their own. Neighbor looked after neighbor. They solved these problems, resolved these problems, addressed these problems as individuals and as