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the superintendents that I talked to would rather not have that burden.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Yes, I would like to know what the amendment to the amendment is. It has been so long I have forgot.

SENATOR CLARK: The Clerk will read it.

CLERK: Senator, Senator Marsh moves to amend the committee amendments: (Read Marsh amendment found on page 487, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Did you wish to speak to that, Senator Goll?

SENATOR GOLL: Not yet, sir.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Marsh, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, sir. I am delighted to have Senator Haberman tell me about the radio that is available because in his part of the country that same radio could be used to call for emergency transportation for the senior citizen so the bus would not be tied up an overlength of time. Senator Remmers mentioned that schools were having a hard time financing and so this might help solve some of their problems with the cost of their buses. And, Senator Haberman, we do not mandate, as you stated on the floor, but the opposite is true in LB 85. It is permissive legislation. Your school district is not mandated to do it. Your school district has the option to do it. On page 2 of the bill, line 17, it very clearly states that it is permissive legislation. I would like to point out that the buses we are talking about to transport elderly citizens, whether they be separate buses for the elderly only or school buses, are owned by whom. They are owned by the public and that includes us in the Legislature. We are footing the bill. This is a way, a management tool, to make our state dollars go farther with wise expenditures, and in times of tight money, this is a wise management decision. I urge your adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the amendment to the amendment. It takes a simple majority of those voting. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.