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SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I have a question of Senator Vickers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you yield?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Vickers, you gave an example a bit ago where a town in your district was using the buses for taking the senior citizens to a noon meal or something to that extent, is that correct?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, that is right.

SENATOR COPE: All right, then they can contract with the schools at the present time?

SENATOR VICKERS: No, they are not using school buses right now. They have got a minibus or a handibus, of that nature, not a van.

SENATOR COPE: I see. Do you know before I ask someone else if schools or if senior citizens organizations can contract with schools now without this legislation?

SENATOR VICKERS: I don't believe so but probably somebody else in this body could answer your question better, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: I will ask Senator Koch. This is a...it is a tough decision, there is no doubt about it. The thing that bothers me, and I probably will support the kill motion, is this. If, the way the bill stands now, the senior citizens can use the buses only in the summertime...anybody disagree with that...or at night, all right, in other words this is going to satisfy the senior citizens that they will use them only this time, they won't use them during the day, during the week then. That is the thing that I just can't understand that they can be satisfied or will be because if they are used to using them during the summer and evenings, there is going to be probably more functions going on during the day than in the evening in the wintertime, and somewhere we are going to have to have extra buses for the senior citizens or they are going to use the buses other than the time specified. Sure, it is permissive but we are putting the responsibility on the school districts. We are putting some pressure on that we may ourselves be shouldering. I am going to oppose the kill motion or I mean I am going to support the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.