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SENATOR CLARK: We will divide the question. At least I declare it divisible, Section 12 and Section 13. We will go to Section 12 first. Do you have the amendment in the book?

SENATOR BEUTLER: My amendment, Mr. Speaker, then would go to the second part, Section 13...

SENATOR CLARK: We will take the first part up first.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, then I would like to leave my light on because I would like to address that proposition.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is divided. We will go to the first part. Do you want to talk on the first part, Senator Peterson?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: That specifically is the part that I addressed in the introduction. What I am really saying there is the Legislature shall appropriate any funds needed by a school district or Educational Service Unit or technical community college to comply with this act. Such appropriation shall be made for each and every year additional costs are incurred by such educational institutions. What it amounts to is that if we are going to write something into state statute, we have done this many times I think in terms of requiring additional costs as far as school districts are concerned, it seems to me if we are going to that, then we ought to pay for them.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, even though we divided the issue, I don't know that I can speak to one part or the other, the lid or the costs. I will speak to it total, generally, and then I won't speak again, that is that this piece of legislation was supported by all education institutions. I would remind you presently they are living under these kinds of conditions and all the state is trying to do is to say in case at the federal level there are some changes that this state will continue to have its own statute and will apply equal educational opportunities for all young people. And I'd just remind you that the girls basketball teams are coming down here today and I can assure you their programs will continue to be carried out in high style and somewhat equivalent to the boys. I don't foresee all these horror stories that we are trying to develop at the present time. So I don't think there is a need for Senator Peterson's amendment at all nor for Senator Beutler's reasons to divide the issue. I hope we

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