

SENATOR WARNER: Well there are a couple of appropriation bills...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: And I know you...

SENATOR WARNER: ...out of that package...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Right, and you have a bill.

SENATOR WARNER: ...which we have neither...you know...they are put in without, without recommendation...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: It's not my in...

SENATOR WARNER: ...in order to discuss the issue...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me.

SENATOR WARNER: ...I just wouldn't want us to get boxed in with a resolution that would turn around and say, no, you cannot look at ways to bring about some cost containment.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Right. Well, it is my intention that this resolution simply says that after study we do recommend that this be the formula used. But it is only a recommendation, as I understand it, and not something that would preclude the total legislative body from making a decision other than that. I think Senator Baack would like to adjust that. Senator Warner was right that there were other things that came out of this subcommittee on cost containment that did not deal directly with the formula, but were in fact changes in the auditing process that the State Department of Education uses, that impacts the school districts greatly. So there were many other things that helped the school districts in their cost containment that were not in the formula. Senator Baack, I think would like to address Senator Warner's question also.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, okay, excuse me. We were on Senator Warner's time and we'll go to Senator Higgins, she is up next, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to ask Senator Baack or Senator Morehead a question. Perhaps I ought to ask Senator Baack first since he, obviously, wanted