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SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: What's the difference whether it's soft or hard, it's all money or the equivalent.

SENATOR CLARK: Well it's just the equivalent of, on a soft match it's in kind, what they charge for their office space and all this type thing, they use that for matching.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well why shouldn't they?

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Senator Clark is saying that the people on the local level can't be trusted because it's soft, they can make it anything they want to make it, and I don't know if there is a difference between hard and soft, it all adds up into dollars, this thing is going to become difficult as time goes by, and as the people on the local level don't have the money and the county puts up most of it, as I understand it, if that's not so, somebody correct me, many of these counties are up against the mill levy now and they can't put it up. Now if you want to destroy this program, or at least in part curtail it, just leave it the forty percent because that many more will not be able to avail themselves the opportunity to participate, and I just think the amendment is certainly helpful and not harmful, and I don't see how the people in the local level can bring about this money, we're talking about sending a hundred or two hundred million dollars back to the local schools in order to help them out, what's the difference, why we don't we help them out here, we know we are going to do this, we don't know what they are going to do in schools. There is a lot of sentiment on retarded children in this body apparently, now is the time to show it.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy, then Whitney, then Stahmer.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Clark will this reduction in local funding in any way adversely affect the federal share of funding?

SPEAKER: Senator Clark do you care to respond?

SENATOR CLARK: No, it doesn't affect anything, the only thing is, the Attorney General has said, or at least given the opinion, that if they don't have forty percent of the federal and state money, which was never the intention in the first place, the intention was only that it would be forty percent of the state money, the local had to put up, but the Attorney General has said, it must be forty percent of the state and federal money, and this was put in before federal money was ever devised for such a project. As far as Senator Carpenter reducing it to twenty five percent, I'd like to hear the amendment again.

SPEAKER: Will the Clerk please read the amendment again.

CLERK: Amendment (read).

SENATOR CLARK: Well that's alright as long as it doesn't affect the federal money. That would be alright, I'd be in favor of that.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Carpenter talked this amendment over with me, prior to his introducing it and I want to say that the subcommittee of the appropriations committee approved of this