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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me explain that. The bill itself is directly related to the 1972 cost the previous calendar year and I'll read for you. Percentage increase and listed below are the price index, consumer price index in the United States for calendar year 65-72, for 1972 and these are already established figures, the wholesale price index, 6.49, the consumer price index is 3.65. These are already established because it goes to the last preceding year. The 2% add-on would then make it approximately in the neighborhood of 6.8, 6.9. I have the figures here if you would like to look at those, Senator.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, I think I would like to see those figures because they're different than those that I have seen.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Lewis, you didn't explain the penalty and I see perhaps that it is contained in Section 8 of the handout you gave us whereby any overage for each dollar going over your suggested limitation would be a dollar reduction in State aid. Is that roughly correct?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's correct. Dollar for dollar.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, do you care to respond?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, I think Senator Stahmer pointed out one of the factors and one of the problems we had. We had no penalty and if we say a limit, I certainly think that the penalty ought to be there.

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