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Can you give this body at this particular time any idea as to when you will be able to report out a bill or all bills pertaining to this subject.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Senator Carpenter as far as my own intention at this point is to set the first hearing by the committee which would deal with state aid would be a week from next Monday. My understanding is that the ..at least the bill that I would be interested in is..they told me they would have it ready for me Friday. I'd ask for it to be sometime earlier than that. Any or all bills that are in so that they can have at least a five day distribution will be heard that day. Later bills dealing with state aid, they'll have to have a hearing ...you know whenever they get them in. But I concur with you that it should be handled as quickly, as soon as possible. And as far as I'm concerned that will be my intent and I would hope a majority of the committee would have a similar feeling.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well now this is an impossible question to ask, to answer rather. Would it be your opinion that a bill would be reported out of the committee in some form soon thereafter.

SENATOR WARNER: Well I can answer I certainly urge that the committee to do so, Senator Carpenter. I would hope that they will, yes. I would think the answer is yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me say that..to the body, and you already know this. Whatever bill comes out here in any form is always subject to any amendment that a member feels is justified and get 25 votes to oppose upon the bill. This is a highly controversial subject, and my only point is we ought to determinant it as soon as possible in order to look at the budget appropriations and the aid bills intelligently because obviously if we pass this aid to local public schools on a 50% basis or anything similar to last year's bill we're going to have to do something to the increasing of revenue in order to accomplish that purpose. It may happen in any case. But the only point was, as Senator Warner says he is going to expedite the hearing on a school bill. And I'm sure that he will and he believes that the committee will form one out so I would presume sometime within the next couple of weeks he may have a bill out here which we can make a determination one way or the other.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Mr. President I would like to be excused at 11:30 today for the rest of the day.

PRESIDENT: Are there any objections to Senator Carstens absence after 11:30. Hearing none. So ordered. Senator Keyes did you wish to be recognized. For what purpose do you rise. There is nothing before the body at this time.

SENATOR KEYES: I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner will you yield to another question from Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Warner you are chairman of the Education Committee. And as chairman of that committee, what would you say are the direct responsibilities of the Education Committee and it's relationship to the state of Nebraska.