

some who were not in here when the explanation occurred since it is an important bill, I think that we ought to have it explained thoroughly.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Marvel the explanation is very short. Where the original 772 had equalization divided 60-40 this amendment divides it 50-50. This amendment reduces the amount of state support to 120 million dollars a year.

SENATOR MARVEL: From what....

SENATOR DUIS: Equalization part and...

SENATOR MARVEL FROM 55 to 120 or from 35?

SENATOR DUIS: The first year we go up to 55 the a...a..up to 55 million which we heard before and the second year we will go up to 120 million under this amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: Alright at the present time so that I understand it and those of you who have worked in this area, I would appreciate it if you would explain this. The present time the 60-40 was 40%. Explain the 60-40 formula and then explain the 50-50 and indicate who is benefited by change from 60-40 to 50-50.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, do you care to respond.

SENATOR DUIS: I would like to have Senator Warner explain it because his bill was the 60-40 and I want to give him every opportunity to explain his situation to you, Senator Marvel. What this bill does is divides the money more evenly between all school districts.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you care to respond.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, One more time the only difference that I see between Senator Duis' proposed or Senator Carpenter's proposed amendment and 772 is as it now stands is that you are talking about a lower percentage of state support. About 35% under Senator Duis' about 45% under 772 as it now stands. The only point on equalization is that is should be fully funded, at whatever level that you determine.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud, we are under a call of the house.

SENATOR WARNER: 772 as it now stands fully funds equalization and it provides more total state support and it would provide more money for those schools who qualify for little equalization. Under Senator Duis' proposal which is 958, I believe it distributes a lesser amount of money at 50-50 and the less money that you distribute the more emphasis on the

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must be put on equalization to accomplish it. If you want to have a 35% level of state support, then in order to accomplish equalization, I would agree that you have to adopt Senator Duis' amendment. If you want to have a higher level of state support of 45% then you don't need Senator Duis' amendment because equalization is still accomplished.