

lower the property taxes?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: That's a judgment question that I can't answer because I've never considered that to be true.

SENATOR NORE: You're probably not old enough for that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes. Let's try to confine the remarks and questions if we can to Frank Lewis' amendment and I realize that's pretty difficult to do but please.

SENATOR KEYES: It's not difficult for me because this bill, I asked Senator Proud, and he said he doesn't understand it too well so I'm going to the man who understands education real well in this state, in this Legislature, and that is Senator Warner. Senator Warner, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Warner, as the bill now stands, the limitation is on the operation of the school, the operational budget, is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: And about 85% or 80% is salaries of employees of that?

SENATOR WARNER: Correct, on the average.

SENATOR KEYES: Now, this simply means and I want you to understand this very well, that we do not tell the teachers that they cannot get a 10, 20, 40% increase in salary. They don't tell them they can't even as much as double the janitor's salary. We do tell them that the operational expense for their budget for the school year can go only so much. Now, Iowa has this on their bill over there and it has done two things. It has limited the number of administrators that they have operating schools. They have gotten rid of a lot of walking superintendents, coordinating supervisors, coordinating superintendents, superintendents in charge or this and that that they found that the school district could operate without. But in the three years it's been in effect, they have never once changed the ratio of the number of teachers that are actually teaching to the students. In other words, a ratio of teacher to student is the same as it always was. They told me they didn't know how many years the educational system of Iowa could operate under this system where there was a limitation of the budget and not on the salaries of teachers. Because they were paying their teachers good money expecting a day's work out of them and they were getting it. They said the day's going come where it will probably hurt our system but it has not happened yet. And if this is the limitation that is on the bill, I am in favor of it.....

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