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SENATOR NORE: Senator Carpenter is taking this bill apart. Now I understand when we went to these interim sessions we were to spend most of our time on the budget. And then patching up bills we passed the session before. And I would like to see 25 or 30 spent on this thing. Right out here on the floor.

PRESIDENT: I think we should exhaust this particular Subject Senator Fowler. We wouldn't be fair to you if you made your statement, started in on this. Is there anybody else who wants to speak on this particular subject. Now I'll get to Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler if you want to speak right now, you can. SENator Marsh. SENator Keyes. SENator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I would like to ask a question, on the bottom of page 3 starting with line 24, carrying over on page 4. SENator Marvel should I direct this toward you? O.K. Now as I understand this, this sections says that the funds that will be collected under the provisions of LB403 this next coming year will not be spent by the state agencies, but will be held in some sort of special reserve fund. And as I understand it, this is funds like going to the Beatrice State Home, from local school districts, and it's also the state 403 money which would be channeled through the local school district back to a state agency. Are these the funds that we are talking about.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, Sir. that's right.

SENATOR FOWLER: O.K. What is the intent of waiting..of selecting these funds in a special account and waiting a year to expend them.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think this points out..now we were now talking about the language on the bottom of page 3, starting with line 24 and going to the top 8 lines on page 4. And this is the difference between the Legislature's appropriation bill and the Governor's appropriation bill. The Governor sets up for these various agencies the cash fund, into that cash fund is supposed to come the present proceeds of 403. We think that this is too up in the air, too nebulous, this is too uncertain. And that to be fair with such agencies as School for the Deaf, School for the Blind, and Cozad School, that we should put definite dollars in this session, and then let the 403 procedure operate so that by next session we will have enough experience about the collection of 403 funds that we will be certain of the amount. And we feel that we need to put in the general funds this time, because if we don't then these departments or these agencies may all be under funded.

SENATOR FOWLER: How much money are we talking about? That you have set aside as general appropriations money, instead of anticipated cash revenue.

SENATOR MARVEL: Between eight and nine hundred thousand dollars.

SENATOR FOWLER: Now in the past, have these agencies, like the Beatrice Home or the Cozad School had cash fund reserves. Cash fund money coming in.

SENATOR MARVEL: Very small amounts. For instance, about ten thousand dollars. Just a kind of a revolving fund that's set up so that they ..if they sell certain products or certain goods, or they receive a small cash donation, it could be put into the funds. But under the Governor's appropriations bill, we are