

March 20, 1974

SENATOR ANDERSON: Is it, is it the intent of the appropriations committee then that this eight or nine hundred thousand general fund or the cash fund accumulation at the end of the year would be carried over each year, or is to be spent, last year then, not this year.

SENATOR STAHMER: I think that could be adjusted in the future. And perhaps some of that paired off in the future as the pattern begins to establish itself. I think in the future, you would not necessarily have to keep all of those General Funds, correction Cash Fund reserves. And as a pattern were established, or if the schools were maintaining steady, most of that cash reserve then could be plugged into the General Fund.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh. Senator Cal Carstens.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Marvel, or one of the Budget Committee I'm wondering about these schools that implimented some special aid, last year, and then after the lid was put on the spending found themselves in a bad situation budget wise. If there's going to be a provision for these schools in this program.

SENATOR MARVEL: You are talking about state aid to education. Senator Stahmer, did you want me to respond to that Senator.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: As I said Senator Stahmer, some of the schools implimented this a year ahead of time, in reality. And then, after the lid came out on the Budget Hearing. They found themselves in a real tight spot, and got into trouble with their State Aid. I was wondering if this was going to help those schools in that area at all.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, I think one of the problems was there was some misunderstanding at one time, whether that per pupil cost had to be plugged into last year's budget. But we made an adjustment, and this year's budget that did not actually... technically the bill was passed last years would have required that per pupil cost had been plugged in last year, but we made an adjustment with the Governor's agreement, with our agreement, we're not asking them for that money. In other words, we're forgiving that, so to speak, and now we're starting from ground zero this year, and I think that solved the problem, and I don't think there will be a problem in the future.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: In other words then, they are'nt going to be penalized for that. Is that what you are saying.

SENATOR STAHMER: No. That's right.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: O.K. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I've talked...let me say what my thoughts are. For whatever they are worth. This body is criticized continually for spending money beyond many people think we ought to spend. Now it's my opinion as long as we are