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what the price a basket of food is going to be and give the people the right amount. It takes nothing but one bill next year to do what we're going to do this year. Your amendment is good for this year. For next year, I don't think it's worth a darn. It ought to be withdrawn, taken off. There is no way we can set it a year in advance. We don't know what the sales tax is going to be and we certainly don't know what the cost of a basket of food is going to be.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh. We're taking on the Burbach amendment to the Marvel amendment.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I have a few questions about it. I'm not sure who now to address them to. But my concern is we're taking as I understand it now the Burbach amendment I would assume we're talking about more than \$11 or \$12 million dollars out of the school aid fund. And my question is, where does the money go or where does it come from back into the school aid fund. And I would have to presume that we take \$11, \$12, maybe up to \$15, \$16 million with the Burbach amendment that we're taking that money from the school aid...from LB772, and either we're going to have to increase the appropriation for LB772 to fund what LB772 was passed to fund or the local school districts will again increase the property tax to meet that balance. If the need was there the other day when we passed LB772, I don't think that \$11 or \$12 million dollar need vanished. Can someone explain how that's going to work out?

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach, do you care to respond?

SENATOR BURBACH: He's have to repeat the question.

PRESIDENT: Yeah, you were closest to your microphone. Senator Cavanaugh, repeat your question, will you please?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I don't know if Senator Burbach was that well informed. Senator Simpson or Senator Marvel, it was their original bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think Senator Burbach....input with would insure the 13% this year.

PRESIDENT: Okay, you've got his attention. What was the question again, Senator Cavanaugh?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay, the question is, we funded LB772 at a certain level to provide for the educational needs of the state. Now you're cutting that appropriation by \$11, \$12 million dollars with the Burbach amendment...probably a great deal more than that. Where are you going to pick up that money to continue the funding of education at the same level we intended to fund it under LB772. Is that going back on property tax? Or is that going to come through another increased appropriation which will mean, I presume, probably put another strain on an increase in either the sales or tax (INCOME) again?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, first of all, the Burbach amendment won't add anything to it. The second portion, we don't have down to a flat figure what it's going to take now out