

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Cavanaugh. Did you say that if this amendment were adopted that it would take money out of the school aid fund?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That is what we are talking about, right?

SENATOR STAHMER: No, I don't think so. It wouldn't take any money out of the school fund. Just as much money would go in as in the past.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I thought that was what the whole....

SENATOR STAHMER: I don't think so. I don't think that there is any provision in the state aid bill for prorating no matter if you take a

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billion out of it to a...a.. the same amount of money is still going to go into it. There won't be anything taken out of the state aid fund. But Senator Syas hit on the key, that only the food wood would be drawn through this loup and if you cut the loup then you cut the state aid. That...I mean you cut the state aid. I mean you cut the food tax. It is not going to cut any money for the state aid because it is provided to be funded without any provisions for proration. You could take a billion out of it through that loup and still the same amount of money would be going into the school aid fund.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: But, if you are taking it out of the school aid fund to compensate for this food tax exemption, right?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yeah.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well that is money that otherwise would have been in there. A...

SENATOR STAHMER: Incorrect because the law is written that it will be provided and if you take a billion, I'm trying to tell you that they will automatically adjust and make up for that and still put in enough to fully fund state aid.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Where is the money going to come from?

SENATOR STAHMER: Sales and income tax.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK.

SENATOR STAHMER: But, it is not going to cut back the state aid.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That is exactly what I am sayinr.

SENATOR STAHMER: Oh, I thought that you said that it would cut back the state aid.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm saying that you are removing that money from the fund, that money has to be replaced and the