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LB 211

Right now, your school districts, I think on the average, collect about sixty-five percent of the local tax funds, and I think they're entitled to notice. So I would ask that the bill be returned for this specific amendment, to add the word "schools" to those people who will be given notice of funds received by the county.

SENATOR NICHOL: The motion is to return LB 211 to Select File. Please vote green in favor. Opposed vote red. This takes twenty-five votes.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: It is returned. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I move the adoption of the amendment to add "school districts" to the present wording.

SENATOR NICHOL: You have heard the motion. Will you please vote? Excuse me, Senator Keyes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KEYES: To find out if we are going to discuss this, or are we just going to take it for granted without any discussion whatsoever? I don't know exactly what Senator Murphy is trying to do, and I sometimes trust him, and sometimes I don't, but I would like to know what he is trying to do.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Murphy, would you like to respond?

SENATOR MURPHY: I'll talk to him on one of my better days. We are providing, Senator, that the various subdivisions of government be notified when this so-called state aid type money comes to the county. If they do not have notice of the funds being received, in many instances, the counties have simply held the funds, accrued them when they should, by all rights, have been distributing to the other subdivisions of government. This bill provides that various subdivisions shall be given notice of the funds, but it did not include school districts. Now school districts are the largest consumer of those funds, and I think not to give them notice is unfortunate. In my county, I've had instances where there was a considerable sum of money on hand that should have been distributed to the schools, and instead the school was writing warrants while the county left the money in demand deposits.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, thank you, that's enough. What Senator