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SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I don't have any objection to that. I just wanted to make it clear that that...they're not automatically going to send that money out to these subdivisions of government until it's requested on the form...the order form that is provided by the County Treasurer, and signed by the officials of that subdivision. That's the only way they can get the money.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I'm certain that the Treasurer is not going to release funds without that, yes, sir. But I think this, Senator Kahle, and this is my problem, at least two of the three counties I represent have been holding the personal property tax funds until they were totally collected, while schools are writing warrants and the county has money in the bank. To me, that seems slightly out of order.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I think the counties have been in a state of confusion over the personal property tax refunds. I don't think there's any question about that, and of course, they didn't receive the amount of money that they were...they anticipated either, so you couldn't expect them to send out more than they had collected from the state. So, there's a problem there, but I think you're getting into something now that really can't be solved by this body. I think we're going to have to solve that through the refund of...maybe we can solve it, but not with this type of legislation. I think it's going to have to be solved with the funding of the personal property tax back to the counties, because they can't pay the money out if they don't have it.

SENATOR MURPHY: Certainly, it is not my intent...I'm not changing the intent of the bill, which is simply to give notice.

SENATOR KAHLE: I have no objection to adding the "school districts" to the amount of those that would receive this information, if they request it. I believe that's the way the bill reads.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes, did you wish to speak again to this amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Just to ask a question of Senator Murphy.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Murphy, would you respond, please?

SENATOR MURPHY: What happens if I say no?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Murphy, we've never had anybody say no that they didn't care to respond, have we?