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LB 321

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir. It's in lines 16 and 17, Senator. We are striking the formula on funding and revising it and I am not sure why. I'd like to see the state withdraw totally from it but I don't suppose that would be too popular with the county officials. And I have a similar question while you're mulling that one over, as to why we struck the Attorney General as being the active defender of the state in the event we do become involved, who then would be defending or prosecuting as the case may be?

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Murphy, I'm not sure I can give you a correct answer. I'm sure this has to do with the way the funds are divided as they come from...part of these are shared funds, of course, of the federal government, and I would guess that the reason they changed this is to comply with the rules and regulations that come, which is another one of those things that neither one of us like very well, I guess. But there's one-half of the noneligible cost of the project.

SENATOR MURPHY: And that converts from twelve and a half percent if the federal portion of the funding were to drop to, let's say twenty-five percent, we would then inherit rather than twelve and a half percent, half of that balance of seventy-five percent, and I'm not sure...is that reflected in the fiscal note?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I think what we should do probably with this bill is have it laid over, or at least get some information on this. I don't know, Senator...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, Senator Schmit has just come in, so maybe we can put him on now.

SENATOR LAMB: He perhaps has the answers. I certainly don't.

SENATOR MURPHY: That would be fine. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, we are dealing with LB 321.

SENATOR MURPHY: It's page 17, lines 16 and 17, Senator Schmit, and it alters the apportionment of the nonfederal tax portion of this construction and changes it from the state's liability of twelve and a half percent to half of whatever that balance might be, and it could be as high as seventy percent, eighty percent, which would have a considerable impact on the state, and I'm not sure I understand the logic behind it.