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information for the need, Senator Schmit, and it is going to be based on the local level decision. I think that what we have done, Senator Schmit, is in reality provided for governmental subdivisions the same criteria under which they have to operate as you and I do as individuals and it is not a complete accepted criteria by all governmental subdivisions but to this point. We have had input that says we are not completely happy but we believe we can live with the provisions that you have in the bill. I am assuming from those kind of remarks, Senator Schmit, that the procedures that we have provided for in case of those situations that you are speaking, is acceptable to those local levels.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to ask another question then. What happens in the event that the Legislature enacts a bill, if it is 138, that allows the or will require the state to take over some of the medical costs of the counties? How do we allow for that decreased cost to the county? What impact does it have upon the budget?

SENATOR CARSTEN: If that budget was adopted with a projection that the county was going to assume those costs but that the state did take them over and they did not actually pay for them, then that increase over that year that they were collected for those costs would be carried forward to the next year to be included in their process.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But if there is a decrease in the county cost because of the decrease that would be mandated by this Legislature, would there have to be a corresponding decrease in the budget?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, sir. Same provision in the decrease, too.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well, and then getting back to the original question relative to the energy costs. For example this state mandates that we must provide transportation for students beyond the four mile limit I believe. We have mandated that cost to the local schools.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do you believe that in view of the fact that not only energy costs will increase, that the 7% limitation is a valid one?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Schmit, again that refers back