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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Flatly this is a ten million dollar tax increase. The proposition that the state is relieving the taxpayer by taking his taxes in sales and income instead of real estate is unfortunate. What we are doing is once more disguising how horrible the cost of local government has become from those at home who from fatigue and disinterest and confusion cannot see that so-called state aid is not state aid it is simply another way of taking their money. The train that brings that state-aid down from Canada, I think they abandoned that siding some time ago, but we are going to take this money and allow the local governments to continue at their same spending rate, so in effect we are raising taxes by ten million dollars with this very neat gesture, and I think it is truly unfortunate. People have a right to know what their government is costing them and we are hell bent to keep them from finding out. The accountability for these funds is lost. The responsibility of the local school boards is lost, and in all truth the taxpayer is lost. I would hope you would not adopt this 99, 99, 99, 99, which to me is kind of an unfortunate abridgement of our rules by changing one number. I oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, first I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question, if he will answer...

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR KEYES: In our appropriations issue out of our general fund about how much more are they going to be than they were last year?

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon?

SENATOR KEYES: In our appropriations to operate government, what is the appropriation going to be this year in relationship to last year?

SENATOR WARNER: There's....on the back of the green sheet there's \$38,000,000 more than....approximately \$38,000,000 more than last year, and \$25,000,000 of that is additional aid, and the balance of it is what is going for expanded state government operations.