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LB 591

SENATOR WARNER: Item two is the community colleges and item three is the state colleges.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, now this comes out of which part of their budget?

SENATOR WARNER: 591 in these cases, both of these were from their operating budgets...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: ...and their aid money.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, your light was on. Do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, in this reduction for the mass transit authority that is a 30% reduction and then for the schools it is somewhere around the 20%, colleges. What I am wanting to know, Senator Warner, is and I believe if I was having somebody figure my budget I would rather have you than anybody on the floor of this Legislature except myself. I think I could do a better job on my own budget than you could but figuring this budget, I figure, Senator Warner, that you have it down very accurate before it came to the floor of this Legislature, you and your committee, and now I see you have taken 30% off of some, 18% off of others. In the intent bill I have amendments going on that that says that any appropriation for subdivisions of government or government will not increase more than 7%. Now I don't understand why we can pick out, after going through it as thoroughly as you have, why we can pick out and say that mass transit should be cut 30% when some of them aren't and some of them are not going...or 6, 70% that are getting a cut. I am a little amazed...concerned about that, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: The...see part of what mass transit has is in LB 585 and part of it is in 591. If the committee's recommendation is accepted the percentage increase in mass transit will be about 5.4% over what they are currently receiving.

SENATOR KEYES: Is that after we take this...?

SENATOR WARNER: After we take this out.

SENATOR KEYES: After we take this out. Then in other words,