

ocean a little broader and deeper than we thought and I would just like to read a little language out of here so you understand what you are playing with in case you do decide to go with something like this. I feel kind of confident you would want to change it a little. We are not just talking about new programs, you know, whether a new state aid or any other program. We are not talking about that because the language says whenever any act of the Legislature, so every bill we pass here and just... if you want to play a little game. I did it here a few minutes ago. Open up your book, just randomly. Do it ten times in a row. I suspect you will find that each one of the acts or bills in the bill book would fall within this purview, what I am going to say next. Whenever any act of the Legislature and then go to change in any existing program or service, you know, going to result in any increased expenditure, then the Legislature has to appropriate the necessary funds to the affected subdivision. I just kind of suspect you could spend not a ninety-day session but about a three hundred and sixty-day session on each little bill arguing whether this did cause any effect. You know, did it make them fill out an extra name? Did it take an extra this or that? Now I don't think that is what Elroy had in mind at all but if you are going to play with this kind of legislation and the constitution, remember this is the constitution. Then maybe you ought to go back to the drawing board, rework it, if you want to go with something like this and be kind of specific. For example, programs costing more than such and such or doing this or that but this is just a little further than I think we want to go so I would encourage you not to go ahead with it at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel and then Senator Fowler.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, a question of Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner, as you understand it, is the intent of your bill to pay for programs which the federal government mandates to our local subdivisions through the state?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Reutzel, I don't think my bill says this. I think it says the bills that the state Legislature mandates.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well there are occasions when we have to mandate to subdivisions a particular program of x amount of dollars which we have no choice because of a federal program. In order to get federal matching dollars or not to jeopardize federal funds, we have to mandate a particular program to a