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certainly am willing for this program to be paid for by anybody that wants to. Now I expect, and Senator Lamb is absolutely candid about this, there is an A bill up there. Actually it is not the State Department of Education paying for it, it is the Legislature, through appropriations. I am willing for the bill to move. Now they tell me we can't do the A bill today. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir. That is true.

SENATOR LEWIS: But Senator Lamb certainly agrees I think and, Senator Lamb, I will ask you that question for the record, that you are in support of providing the \$415,000 additional dollars to meet the requirements of this bill this year. Is that correct?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR LEWIS: Then I have no problems with the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: A question of Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb, when you touch me for \$415,000 it touches my heart dearly. You know that and I want to know where you are going to get that money and who is going to get it and the grant or whatever it is. Can you just explain a little bit more about where that four hundred and some odd thousand dollars...that is just pin money I know.

SENATOR LAMB: I am glad you asked that question, Senator Keyes. This is a property tax relief bill. Instead of the local district across the state having to come up with the \$465,000 this will allow the federal grant to be used for that purpose.

SENATOR KEYES: The federal grant now...where is this federal grant? Is that additional or not?

SENATOR LAMB: That comes out of the other pocket.

SENATOR KEYES: The other pocket or the other pot? It still... I don't understand where the...are we getting that money now?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Senator Keyes, I understand that this money is available from a federal grant through the State Department of Education.

SENATOR KEYES: And we are getting it now?

SENATOR LAMB: And it is available and it can be used for these students less than five years of age and it is important that