

use of federal funds for existing state law requirements to provide special education and I only go through this because I get frustrated with some of the federal requirements where we are forced to expand programs by virtue of those rules and regulations, the same argument of course, or concern, that local government expresses about some of the things that we do. So while I get disgusted we are also occasionally I guess, guilty of the same thing but in any way the process proposed here is an excellent one and it is to the benefit to the taxpayers in this case at all levels of government within in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR KEYES: I think I got some of my questions answered. There is one, I will pose it now, and I hope you folks think about it. The deficiency appropriations, I believe there is \$6,000,000 Senator Warner spoke about of federal money coming in, deficiency appropriations...

SENATOR WARNER: What about it?

SENATOR KEYES: ...and there is \$6,000,000 of federal funds that will be coming in through...

SENATOR WARNER: No, no, that is ...no.

SENATOR KEYES: Where did that \$6,000,000 get in?

SENATOR WARNER: The deficiency appropriation we'll take that up at the appropriate time, Senator Keyes. Under LB 403 that is a one year delayed payment always that we will always have a deficiency. The initial estimate was \$6,000,000. That has been revised downward, over a million, since the initial estimate when the work was finally turned in but you will recall that LB 403 reimbursement is a reimbursement after actual costs are filed by school districts and there is always a year delay required by law and it is not an under-estimation. It is the way the law is designed to work.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up, Senator Keyes. Okay, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this preschool movement over the past decade, decade and a half has been a very very interesting movement. I guess I first of all want to preface my comments by saying I am not opposed to the providing of a climate of learning for those handicapped as we have called the preschool here in this discussion so far here this morning. Now whether the money comes from state funds, whether they come from federal funds, it is all coming from the taxpayer and I guess I have a couple of questions, Senator