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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Warner, I know you are using a different book than I am but it is on page 12 and 13 in the green copy and it is Agency #26, the Department of Welfare. You show revenue sharing trust fund of \$16 million on page 12 and another \$16 million on page 13 and you call it revenue sharing trust fund. Now as we are having horrors about losing our revenue sharing and what it will do to us, what do you mean by trust fund?

SENATOR WARNER: The reason it appears twice, one is in the program 341, the other is the agency total.

SENATOR KAHLE: It is the same money then?

SENATOR WARNER: Same money, but the reason, as I indicated yesterday, the reason that we suggest using the revenue sharing trust fund in welfare where in the past it has been used in state aid to schools is that it is probable that the state may be subject to an audit and it was our understanding that the audit would go clear down to the school district. This stops the audit at the Department.

SENATOR KAHLE: I understand that. The question I wondered is why you call it trust fund. Now is this money that has come in already and has been put in a fund to be used or is it money that will come from the government?

SENATOR WARNER: It is money that will come in but there is a combination of things. The federal fiscal year is different than ours and I assume you are leading to whether or not revenue sharing money will be discontinued.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, what I am really concerned about is if this money has been in a trust fund during the past year or part of it has whether this was considered part of the surplus that we heard so much about?

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, this is the order now. Senator Lewis, Senator Dworak and Senator Sieck has an amendment that we need to address as soon as we get...Senator Lewis, do you want to proceed?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I have several questions just for clarification information, and I start with Section 4, Senator Warner, and I am not sure I am clear on aid to Councils of Government and also the purpose of over a half

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