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SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Murphy, the way I understand it is that these funds would go to the Crime Commission and they would dole it out to the law enforcement agency on that reservation. Not all of it would go to the Santee Reservation.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator, wouldn't this be a good time for you and I and the rest of the legislators in this chamber to lean very heavily on our Congressional delegation. They have forbidden us to tax these people. I think the only automobile tax that they pay is their registration and they have now withdrawn your federal taxes which you are going to keep paying but are not going to get back and that is par for the course but they are now withdrawing the money that was being returned for education of these reservation people and I would like to ask Senator Koch a question. Senator Koch, the state is about to be put in a position of trying to solve the situation of how we fund the education of reservation people when we are forbidden to tax them in any way, shape or form and they are about to dump a pretty good sized burden on, I presume, the counties or, bless us all, the state tax funds, but what is that going to amount to?

SENATOR KOCH: Well with the complete elimination of Johnson-O'Malley funds which I think is imminent, Senator Warner knows this as well as several others, but it looks like in the future that the state might have to pick up as much as \$900,000 to support the schools that are presently located on the reservations, Santee being one of the most imminent and we have an interim study to try to figure out how we can best do this.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you. I would say this is a very good time to drop the ax on this federal, I don't know what to call it, policy I guess, of forbidding us any control of this reservation area and mandating that we fund it, support it, replace with general tax funds, funds that should be raised locally on perfectly good crop lands that are presently exempt and I hate to say no to my good friend, Senator Hefner, but I think this would be a fine time for us to attack a problem that we are apparently going to look at in an interim study and ask for a little accountability on the part of the federal government.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would move the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. All those in favor of