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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, as I understand your amendment, you are only putting \$20 million in for the first fiscal year with no provision thereafter. Is there any thought relative to state aid and any additional monies by the first fiscal year?

SENATOR WARNER: This \$20 million as we are now proposing it, Senator Carsten, it is a total appropriation should they all be signed or overridden of \$75 million and that would be a new level for state aid to schools which would be the level that would be used next November for setting on the tax rates and it would be presumed that it would remain at that level unless and until change by the Legislature.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, does that answer your question? Okay. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, a question of Senator Warner. Senator Warner, one other time I tried to legislate the policy of the State of Nebraska, the statutes, through a budget bill and was told that a budget bill expires at the end of the current year. So how are you going to say that whatever goes into this fund will be a part of the budget for next year when the budget bill is only effective for one year, and at the end of that year it and all of its amendments die?

SENATOR WARNER: No, Senator Keyes, I did not, I believe, say nor did I intend to imply that this was a continuing appropriation because that is not true of any appropriation. What I did say and what I did intend to imply was that for rate setting purposes next November that this \$20 million will be a part of the basis on which the tax rates are set, in fact, the entire \$75 million would be should this be adopted just as is all other appropriations contained in all other bills, and it is presuming then that the Legislature wants to appropriate next year this same \$75 million together with the same amounts of appropriations as would be for the operation of all state government, the money will be there to do it.

SENATOR KEYES: But, Senator Warner, there is a difference between the \$55 million that is appropriated by the Legislature and the \$20 million that we are talking about being