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SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Dierks, just a quick question. That is 96,000 for one year or for each year of the biennium? If we...assuming next biennium comes up, that would be 96,000 per year or is that a 182,000 per year?

SENATOR DIERKS: That depends on the applicant but the bill calls for each...the first 96,600 for FY'92-93 and the second one for '93-94.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so that would be for each year of the bill, again, based upon guesstimates, be 96,000 per year. Would that be fair?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's fair, providing, of course, that the patrol is able to carry this out.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. And that would be, just be straight General Fund money?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. members of the body, you know, when we advance a bill we need to advance the A bill and I will vote...I'll be voting to advance the A bill because if we're going to advance policy, we certainly need the funding to do that which the Legislature has voted to do and I will go along with those wishes. I just want the body to understand that, you know, we can sit here and casually vote on \$96,000 or 100,000 later on, but sitting on the Appropriations Committee I can tell you right now, there is one school district, for example, in Lincoln County that is asking the body for about the same amount of money that would put in long-distance learning from General Fund money, long-distance learning so that we could really get some of the courses taught in some of our schools that we just can't do now and do you know what is going to happen? What is going to happen for the most part is, we're not going to have enough money to do that. We're going to have school districts coming in and saying we need to get money for restructuring and reorganization because we can provide a better quality of education if we can do so but we'll need General Fund monies to