

specific language in there, as I understand your question, to indicate that there would be, hereby, appropriated a sum not to exceed thirty million dollars to be paid out by the 30th of June, '74.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think that language could be...

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, can I ask anybody who knows, I don't, maybe Senator Warner, Senator Lewis, does this procedure insofar as the amounts are concerned and the source is concerned reflect within a general limitation what the Governor of the state of Nebraska advocates without getting into the formula?

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis. Senator Warner..he yields to Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Carpenter, the Governor has recommended the twenty million dollar factor which I have said and he has also recommended that that money could and should be used out of General revenue sharing. So, the dollar amount and the source of the funds are consistent with the recommendations that the Governor has previously made.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, at that point and then I'd ask Senator Warner to give his opinion, would it be your opinion that he has no objection to the appropriating of all the revenue sharing for this overall purpose under the presumption that if there is fifteen million dollars now and there'd be thirty million by June 30th of '74 and upon the desire, as I understand him and others, that we'd like to do something as materially as we could in order to reduce the taxes on real estate. Would you think we'd be in cont..conflict with his overall statement?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, for the reason that a portion of the revenue sharing and he has two or three alternatives floating around out here but a portion of his revenue sharing originally is a part of capital construction, and then he has this other alternative which is before the Budget Committee which a portion of it could be used for sales tax rather than property tax relief. The other point I think that we should look at, Senator Carpenter, and the staff has not got the copies up here yet, but to use thirty million as opposed to say twenty million for schools would have a significant impact upon cash flows and available revenues a year from now. The reason being that revenue sharing, as you know, drops from the present thirty million or 2 1/2 years to 1 year of roughly 12.8 million. So on a continuing bases, you could appropriate additional money this year. Then, we are faced with maintaining that level of funding for state aid with additional General Fund money the next session or a change in...or a reduction, rather, in the support for schools at that time back to the figure presently, if we are going to stay within some kind of rates and the projections that the staff is suppose to be putting together, and are, will show all this.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What you are saying is, this is a continuing appropriation if we pass the bill in its present form.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, it would not be an effective continuing appropriation. We would have to make an appropriation next time but the source of funds for that appropriation a year from now will not be the source of revenue sharing. It will be partial General Fund and partial revenue sharing.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's what I want to make clear that if we do it this time, I would presume, like in like cases, we'd be expected to continue it and to the extent that revenue sharing might or might not be available, we might have to make