

problem and provides a vehicle for future sessions to correctly take care of the problem in this area. I have been asked if there is a penalty in the bills because of a school district exceeding the limitations. Lets point out that there are two. There is a limitations presently in the budget act but in addition the bill specifically points out that any school which increases their expenditures above the limitations provided in the bill that the school board members and then become personal liable for that dollar amount and there could be no penalty which would be more strong or more strength than this particular one. The bill also recognizes non-resident tuition. It provides a vehicle or means as Senator Murphy amendment so that this kind of citizen who lives and pays non resident tuition also has a reflected reduction in his property tax by virtue of the increase in state aid. I would urge that the members support the passage of this act and the problem of how to support the schools has been with us a long time. It is time to solve it now. It has been in the closet long enough. I would hope that the members would vote to override the Governor's veto and place 472 on the statutes of Nebraska and I recognize as I have stated frequently that there is no best solution for the means of supporting schools that we do know that there is greater equity in the provisions of 472 for the support of education and excess to date. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney. Motion is to override the Governor's veto on 472.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I'm going to say that we should not override the Governor's veto on this state aid bill. This bill is not what the people asked for when this committee of the Legislature went out into the state to ask what they wanted. It is a rehash of what we had a year ago and rehash of what we had two years ago, and in fact it is a worse bill. It is not what the people asked for. It maybe a what a few administrators of schools asked for and what a few school board members who indoctrinated by those administrators of schools asked for but it is not what the people asked for. Now Senator Warner points out that they ask for a 50% reduction in property tax. That is exactly what they asked for but this bill does not do that. In many school districts the reduction will be less than 20% reduction in the property tax. That is not 50% it is less than 20%. We are not going to then give property tax relief to a lot of school districts in the state. The newspapers have said that a 50% reduction and they have fooled the people. Well this is not what is in the bill. The people should read the bill rather than to read the newspapers.

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Some school districts are getting up to 77%, at least one is getting up to 77% of their operational costs in the form of state aid. It is not fair to those tax payers who are getting up to 77%, why? Because the state Legislature is apt to drop this sometime in the future and leave them with a high property tax. Just like the federal government is now doing to the state of Nebraska. They give us money and all of a sudden pull the rug from under us and we have to pay the extra taxes. So this is not fair to those people or would not be in the long run. It is also not fair to those people who are getting less than 20% of the operational cost paid for by the state government. Now I made a little research study and asked some of the school boards what percentage could you get before you started being reckless in your spending. Not careful in your spending. They