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County Commissioners. I would like to see the city and the county have this prerogative. I have no objection to leaving the wording in there that you have but I would like to see that in its finality that the people who are going to have to produce this tax revenue are specifically provided that they have the authority to approve this budget or disapprove it.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, they have that, Senator Murphy. That's the point. That they ultimately do, they have the final approval. The wording that puts the director's name in here is the federal requirement for under Medicare and the dealing with it. It's the federal red tape requirement of the Federal Act that requires this being in here. That's why the bill is here in the first place.

SENATOR MURPHY: I am not asking that that be removed, Senator Luedtke. I am simply asking that we also designate that in addition to that director having authority over that budget with his advisory committee that the council and city do, in fact, have that control.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: You don't have to put it there. It's already there in the act. Read the whole act and you will know what I mean.

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe I have. Would you be kind enough to show me where in that act it says that?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I will have Mr. Nelson show it to you.

SENATOR MURPHY: May I ask that this bill be held. This was to have been the provision some three or four days ago that has not happened.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I object to the amendment. I think it is unnecessary.

PRESIDENT: There is no amendment here, is there?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, it is on the clerk's desk and I agreed to suspend--

CLERK: It's never been put in the Journal.

SENATOR MURPHY: --it pending the receiving of this information prior to the bill arriving at this stage. That has not happened.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Was it put in the Journal.

SENATOR MURPHY: No, it was not printed in the Journal.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I think you said you would put it in the Journal.

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe that statement was made but I don't believe it actually happened.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, I never saw it in the Journal.

SENATOR MURPHY: But I still bear the same objection, Senator. I have yet to be shown where in that law it states that the city and county do have authority to approve that budget. You have said in your new wording the director has that authority.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: You have to read the whole act, Senator Murphy, and you are not doing it.