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SENATOR WARNER: Let me correct it first, that the money did not lapse to the state under the law. It lapsed to the state to be used so it would not be returned to the federal government and be distributed to other states but it was always carried as a credit to the counties.

SENATOR KEYES: Then the money has been used by the state. It isn't laying there. It will be new money that comes into the state will be made to be paid back to the counties that didn't use it and the counties that used it, that's the thing I want to know? I want to know if Sarpy County is going to be eligible for any of this money that is coming in.

SENATOR WARNER: I would assume that they have projects, Senator Keyes, that..

SENATOR KEYES: They have spent all the money that they have been allotted in the past.

SENATOR WARNER: Under the provisions as was always true, they could qualify for additional money if they make the request.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, Sarpy County could come in and get some of this money that is sitting back there, new money. If Cass County didn't use theirs, Sarpy County could still maybe get some of Cass County's.

SENATOR WARNER: The same provision is just as it is now. A county would have three years in which to make use of their money. There is no change in that portion of the procedure. Essentially what the Resolution does, is it reinstates a portion of the money which was wiped out, or the credit, and the more important part is the establishment of a cooperative effort to develop better rules and regulations between the counties and cities where they use federal aid secondary funds.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, if I read this right and this is simply going to state that we are going to take in the vicinity of 14.1 million dollars away from the state to spend money and the counties that did not use this money when it reverted to the state to use are the only ones that are going to be eligible. Those counties that did use all of their money are not going to be eligible in for this 14 million but they will be eligible for other federal funds that come into the counties. If this is what it is, I certainly would have to oppose your Resolution because I think we should be able to spend, if it is going to be allocated back and taken away from the state and I think the state probably can use it as good as anybody else, I think that the counties, either all of them should be able to come back in for all of it or else the state should spend it wherever they see fit in our state.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to address a statement or two to Senator Warner and I would like to tell you, members of the body, I am quite surprised at Senator Warner's Resolution. We, the