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proper that they have the district they intend to merge with also have the intent stated within this so that it would be apparent that with the cooperation of the two districts the merger could be anticipated to take place?

SENATOR COORDSEN: And that was something that we did talk at some time about. I have my light on sometime a little bit further down the road to elaborate on why this is worded in the manner that it is worded. At one time, it was worded in the manner that Senator Beutler is suggesting. And it was felt that since we didn't know all of the adjoining districts because each one is separate that they had to certainly would have to have another high school system, another system contained within the high school named. And we didn't specifically set out that that other high school had to agree also.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, thank you, Senator.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The other high school system may well be one that has 106 percent of their available resources for the next year.

SENATOR ELMER: Sure, I understand. Considering all of the things that I've heard so far, I think I'm going to support Senator Beutler's amendment to the amendment this time. Is Senator Bohlke on the floor and available? I'd like to ask her a couple of questions if I could. I don't...yeah, Senator Bohlke, could you respond to a question or two?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Bohlke, this would require an appropriation of over \$4 million and we have a lot of other bills out that are going to require appropriations such as our gifted programs and so on. Given the status of our budget, do you think that this particular type of an appropriation would be in direct competition with, and we may have to sacrifice one or the other such as the gifted program we're talking about?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Elmer, this amount of money comes from the cash reserve and so doesn't show up as an A bill and so for those bills out there with an A bill, it wouldn't be in direct