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in response to Senator Simon's comment on new programs, I think we covered that, or at least touch on it in Section 13, subsection 3, but I would ask of Senator Koch your statement that among the exempt items would be insurance and you don't specifically define what you are talking about in insurance.

SENATOR KOCH: I'm talking about social security, and I'm also talking about other insurance premiums that schools and subdivisions of government must carry today.

SENATOR MURPHY: Then you are going to exempt other insurance premium if it exceeds a hundred and seven percent of the prior three years?

SENATOR KOCH: Of the prior ratchet...of the ratchet year they select of the preceding year. The preceding year.

SENATOR MURPHY: Then you're not saying three years, Senator...

SENATOR KOCH: No, I'm not saying three years.

SENATOR MURPHY: You're not?

SENATOR KOCH: No, I'm saying of the preceding fiscal year.

SENATOR MURPHY: If that particular school year's budget were to be less than the seven percent of contingency that's been provided in the bill, do you think that this exemption will also be taken up in that? In other words, if they had a five percent increase, would they be allowed under the other section of the bill to start from the seven percent increase they might have been allowed and go beyond that with their new increase, in this particular amendment you're offering?

SENATOR KOCH: I would anticipate that, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Fine, thank you.

SENATOR KOCH: If they had not...if they don't have a problem with it, why it's just not a problem. It's only those who might have those.

SENATOR MURPHY: Fine, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I oppose Senator Koch's amendment for a variety of reasons.