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we were giving them far more than 7%?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, what about the tech schools? Are they the same way?

SENATOR WARNER: Their percentage increase when everything was in was at 6.8 and this will probably make it, well \$75,000 off of \$16,000,000 is what? About two or three tenths of a percent? Fifteen into...

SENATOR KEYES: I don't know but you are going to be under the 7% anyhow.

SENATOR WARNER: Slightly. There are some of these programs that were zero percent.

SENATOR KEYES: Now do you have any that...any parts of state government that you are going to increase above the 7%?

SENATOR WARNER: Are there any parts of...?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, any parts of...

SENATOR WARNER: There would be some agencies above, some below. The average percentage increase is substantially less. Again I repeat, two thirds of the increases that we are making this year are in the area of aid programs. Only one third of the total increase goes for the operation of state government and when you consider that 50% of the budget is aid programs and they are getting two thirds of the increases as a group, I think that the Legislature has responded well with the aid programs.

SENATOR KEYES: Now, Senator Warner, those aid programs, are they getting a percentage increase or is that by law?

SENATOR WARNER: Some are by law. For example, the home-stead exemption went up 50% because that is what the legislation that was enacted in previous session required. Others are a percentage increase by budget.

SENATOR KEYES: Thank you, Senator Warner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, just a little bit more