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this commitment, to work for a really fair and straight-forward property tax relief program in education financing, I think it best to remove this now to accommodate the overall budget and that is the only reason I am offering it.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. You know as well as I do this is another one of those hollow promises. You are never going to solve the problem of school finance until this Legislature grabs the horns and solves the problems of how we assess in counties. That is the reason we always have to sit around and wait and that is the reason individuals don't understand why state aid never works and never will because as long as you have a certain qualifying mill levy for state aid and as long as you have the inefficient procedures at the county level in terms of trying to assess and value property, we are sitting here and promising people something that is never going to occur. I will wait to see how diligent we will pursue the business of coming about with a massive state aid relief program to public schools but I have lived through four years of promises before by chief executives and others and yet I have yet to see it happen. But obviously we take no justification in the fact that just in recently release in the newspaper was in April this state took in seven point some million dollars in excess of their projections but we are ignoring that this morning, but it is there and I have a letter to this fact on my desk. \$7. million dollars over the preceding year's projection for April, but there again I know that since we are going to cut the budget and we are going to stay at 6.4 or .5, that we are going to have a pretty good overlevy. I know that with this overlevy and surplus we may build between now and next January that there are those in here who will seriously sit down and study and come forward with a piece of legislation whereby you can bring about a significant general aid program to the public schools of this state and in conclusion I would like to say I get a little bit concerned about individuals here talking about how much of this budget we give back to cities, counties and schools in aid. That is absolutely wrong. It is not aid. We are merely supplying back to them monies which we have exempted by our own laws. Sometimes I think we would be better off to repeal all of those laws and let the counties, cities and schools levy on what they once had going back to the '60s and I am sure they would say to us, we really don't need much aid because we found a significant source of revenue upon which to levy our mill levies for carrying out our operations but when you exempt millions and millions of dollars like we have