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of the body that there is at least thirty-three people that is willing to go to that level. The amendment then also states that with twenty-five votes you can adopt the level recommended or a smaller level if that is the desire, but in any event, this serves then as a guide for the Appropriations Committee early on to reflect the general consensus of the body as to what the total level appropriations ought to be. It obviously is not binding as a resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Senator Warner, I exactly don't understand. Senator Warner, if the Appropriations Committee came out with \$55 million for state aid as it is at present and I wished to increase that by \$10 million to \$65 million, it would take thirty-three votes to do so?

SENATOR WARNER: No, we are not talking about individual appropriations, Senator Keyes. This is, in essence all this affects is those matters that are before the Appropriations Committee, and if, for example, you want to use state aid, if the Appropriations Committee wanted to get an indication from the body early on of a substantial increase there, we are not going to come out here with an itemized budget, we are talking about the total dollar amount. Really what we are trying to determine is does the body want to stay within existing tax rates or do you not and the rationale for it. What we are trying to get is an expression from the body as a whole to serve as a guideline to the committee, rather than as we have in the past arriving at that decision within our body and then come forward here to present it. It seems to me it is helpful that those general guidelines have the consideration of the entire Legislature early.

SENATOR KEYES: Then if the total budget that you bring out was \$650 million, and in that \$650 million, the education budget was \$55 million, and if I want to increase the education budget by \$10 million, I would take thirty-three votes to bring it up over the Appropriations Committee budget?

SENATOR WARNER: No, this has no impact on amendments on actual bills.

SENATOR KEYES: Or on the appropriations bill (interruption).

SENATOR WARNER: Or on the appropriation total.

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