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figure that I understand to be correct.

SENATOR DWORAK: So that then anything in excess of \$32,000,000, then would the school be required to reduce their property tax and I am taking it on a state-wide average.

SENATOR WARNER: As I understand the provisions to LB 285 that would be correct. It is also correct to say that any increase in state aid will be reflected because of the lid legislation, will be reflected in a reduced increase in property tax.

SENATOR DWORAK: Increase in property tax but not necessarily reduced property tax, reduced increase in property tax.

SENATOR WARNER: That is right. Right.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. I think that figure of \$32,000,000 is a figure that we ought to put in our minds because that is really the property tax relief figure at \$32,000,000. If we would increase state aid to the amount of \$32,000,000 then we are saying in effect, that they cannot generate any more revenue from property because they will have used up their 7% lid through the state aid portion. Now if we would increase the state aid by more than \$32,000,000 then we could conceivably have a direct positive reduction, an immediate effect on property taxes but I think that formula is very important when we start talking about state aid to education and in the same breath talk about property tax relief because anything less than \$32,000,000, in fact, is not going to relieve property. It is only going to relieve the increase that they might take in property tax. I again think that before I can vote on this bill, either with a red button or a green button, before I can make a decision on this bill, I need some of this information that Senator Koch is privy to. I need some of this information that he does not have yet but he says is available and I would again strongly urge Senator Koch to set up a meeting, an informational meeting, either over the noon hour, in the morning or in the evening for people to come in and discuss informally, not privately, informally, the ramifications of this bill. I think we are close, closer this year to getting together on this state aid issue than we have been in the past. I think both sides have come a long ways toward a ground that are mutually acceptable but I don't want to do anything in the dark. I do not want to do anything that I do not totally and completely and thoroughly understand and I don't think

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