

estimate that comes to the department, those who are responsible for its continuation is that \$60,000 would allow approximately seven hundred adults to complete high school programs and I think this is important. One other aspect that is also important that we are now seeing, the phenomena almost and that is the continued influx of adults from the Indo-Chinese sector and other refugees into our state and they continue to some extent to drain money that we could spend on other citizens of this state as well. This is the background of this amendment, ladies and gentlemen, and it is a serious amendment. You will note that I have not asked the Appropriations Committee for other kinds of amendments nor have I tampered with it in any way and I am concerned that if we want the adults of this state to improve not only their lifestyle in terms of their understandings, I think we should be concerned about improving their employment possibilities because I would a lot sooner see an adult paying taxes rather than using taxes and I ask for the adoption of this amendment of \$60,000 which would go to the Department of Education and to the division which oversees adult and continuing education. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I think Senator Koch has made a statement that this body needs to consider very seriously and that is that the federal government is starting to withdraw funding and I suggest to you that there is no way in the world this state can keep up with the spending habits that the federal government has had and that they acknowledge are things that they feel in an order of priority, they no longer want to fund. We are very concerned about what happens in the event revenue sharing goes which most certainly a portion of it will but we started last year trying to fund and pick up programs the federal government has dropped and this state of a million and a half people cannot match the federal spending habits and I suggest to you if we try to replace funds dropped by the federal government that this state will be in about the same shape that government is which is bankrupt. I suggest that we not begin this program with all due respect to Senator Koch and with the desire to see everyone entitled to and having an opportunity for a respectable education. I say this is a matter for local control, local concern and for local funding. There is no way that we can replace the programs the federal government is about to start unloading and they are going to unload a bunch of them and until they have finished and we can establish the priority of those programs that we want to and feel that we must replace, I would suggest we hold off