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share most of the responsibility. We are educating handicapped children at level 1, 2 or 3. This is a severe reduction. I would remind you the Legislature has a moral obligation under law. We said we would pick up 90 percent of the excess costs. Now if we accept the amendment, we will meet that obligation. If we refuse to meet it, then we are going to be picking up 75 percent of the costs. That is what it amounts to. I ask you, when we say in law and under the rules and regs we are going to pick up 90 percent of the excess costs, suddenly because of the fiscal problems the state has undergone or is undergoing, we are going to say to the public schools, we want to balance our budget here and to hell with you at the local level, yet we have said to you emphatically, you will do these things. So once more we are going to transfer costs on the budget to the property tax level, absolutely to the property tax level because we haven't changed any rules nor regulation, and I have here the comments between Sandy Meyer and the Nebraska Department of Education talking about how they could reduce costs of special education. The conclusion was that to do it all of a sudden would be so dramatic upon the public schools that probably the Legislature should go easy on reducing this amount. In addition, I remind you that we have lost some money in special education in other places which I haven't talked about very much and which the schools have assumed that they might be able to handle. But until we change the rules and regulations, I don't believe that you can expect the schools to pick up this much cost at the local level from property taxes. I think it is unfair and I think it is punitive action on our part because after all they are carrying out a mandate this Legislature made under LB 403. I wasn't here at the time but some of you were, and I remember the vote that day and I couldn't believe it. The liberals and the conservatives got together and the board was green. It was so green I couldn't believe it. The public schools then picked up the mandate and carried out...are carrying out this role. I remind you, if you want to go home and talk to your constituents at the local level when their property taxes are going to go up to meet the rules and regs, then so be it. But I believe we are being irresponsible by such a severe cut in funds which had been committed to the public schools and now we say, go find \$3½ million somewhere else, folks, and I know where you are going to find it, on increased millages and property tax. I am saying the larger schools are the ones that are really going to catch it more than anyone else because they manage their programs and they will have to pay for it. So will the smaller schools who