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send their children to be educated in those programs, because those increased costs are going to have to be picked up by them from the same place which is property tax. So I ask that we reinsert the amount that is committed to the public schools and that amount is about \$3½ million. If we want to change the costs of education for handicapped, then it should be done in a manner which is fitting to the local schools and that is a gradual reduction and not such a severe reduction, because those schools are going to have to offer the same programs, the same programs, because the rules and regs are there and they have to live up to them because that is a mandate of legislation under the name of LB 403. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the Koch amendment? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the level of funding that is proposed and I assume the level of funding that Senator Koch is proposing would be to fully reimburse what is anticipated for next year. We recognize as you all do that there will be a deficiency appropriation next year because that is the way the system has worked and we have intentionally underappropriated each year to get the exact figure. In the old days a part of that approach was to be sure that maintenance of effort requirements from some of the federal funds could be complied with. That is no longer a situation, however, but that was historically at least true. Now whether or not the reductions in costs can be accomplished that is proposed by the lower figure, and there is some savings that would be attempted, as a practical matter remains to be seen but at least the conversations that the committee had with the department at the hearing indicated that they would try and put into effect some cost containment procedures. I think almost everybody has acknowledged that there are some costs particularly in the level 1 level of reimbursement there are some programs that probably ought to be tightened up on rules and regs. Some of those, as a matter of fact, are not going to be put into effect until the coming year because of the reimbursement aspect. But I think the level that is in the bill can be adequate recognizing that there will be a deficiency next year as there already has been. I think it is unnecessary to put that level in at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman and members of the body,