

Education can find that kind of money in their budget if they are as pinched as everyone else seems to be. That is what the amendment is about, to replace \$1 million recommended by the Governor and signed and agreed to by the Department of Education.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I do want to express or observe my appreciation. Senator Koch pointed out that it is in black and white in the blue book that you passed out and I would trust that everything that you want to know is in black and white in writing, if not in the book, where it can be made readily available so there is nothing trying to be hid and I know he didn't imply that. He was using it to point out that it is a fact but I would suggest that we probably need not adopt the amendment. As I indicated earlier before lunch that there is no restriction in the appropriation bill on the level of deficiency that might be requested next time. Had there been, and there could have been, but there is not and had there been then there would have been good grounds but historically the Legislature has never failed yet to reimburse the local school districts for the cost as required by law and I would assume that that would continue. What I do think maybe would be beneficial, however, is that leaving the figure where it is, it surely does alert everyone that they should be very prudent in the expenditures that they make and have made, those they obviously cannot change, but for the balance of the year, at least, to be very prudent knowing that the overall cost factor is a problem that needs to be addressed and with that direction to the school districts, there is no threat as far as I'm concerned that they will not be reimbursed but I'm sure the cost will be reviewed, so I would urge you not to adopt Senator Koch's amendment on the basis I don't believe it is necessary because there is no prohibition from...as far as the school districts are concerned to being fully reimbursed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, do you wish to close on your million dollars?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator Clark, members of the body, I'll close. I remind you we had LB 942. 942 was a piece of legislation that was supposed to try to deal with various costs. 942 ignored any substantive issues that relates to handicapped children. It did not say we're going to reduce rules and regulations, not at all, because I know some people from Special Education that came to speak on that bill and I have the correspondence that they used in