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Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Moore, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Moore, I guess, I'm...I was listening to Senator Byars and I wanted to ask a question to make sure that I read it correctly. When Senator Byars mentioned that we shouldn't take away that which was given, if I read the balance sheet of '92-93, we are not taking any monies away that has already...that has already been in the mill for this fiscal year. At least there is a zero, this would only take effect starting in the following upcoming fiscal year. Is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: That is correct, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So cities will have at least six months or so to continue the funding that they have but also six months or so to begin planning for the day that there be a reduction, not a take it away totally but simply a reduction in the amount that would be in the pool to be divided by a per capital basis. Would that be correct?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, that would be correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Moore. Members of the body, one of the things that Senator Moore said about three times, so I guess he really meant it, was he hoped that other members of the committee would get up and say something. Senator Ashford did but it was in the other vein. So, I guess, I took the hint and will say just a couple of words at least talking about the committee's perspective. The committee is looking at the overall budget picture. As Senator Moore aptly says, at times we're in that airplane looking at the whole state, the whole picture, rather than the specific issues that some committees have the luxury of doing. When we looked at the whole picture, I think in the hearing there was not necessarily a feeling that the MIRF bill was going to get out of committee until we got more and more into the committee process. And I think the thing that turned some of the committee members,