

to get the money but it's going to go on property tax and I don't have to tell you if you take a...if you take a look, go back to your school districts and find out, ask them what your budget went up as far as property tax. They'll try to say, well, our budget went up this. Ask them what it went up in property tax. It's not a true lid like the cities and counties and, like I said, maybe it shouldn't...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...be, but it is not. It definitely is not and I think that's the problem we have in the State of Nebraska and, Senator Withem, address some of those. Maybe there's some of those things we should take out from under the lid. And I guess another thing went through my mind, say you increase 250,000 dollars in...in state aid. What happens to your budget then? Nothing happens. You just have that much more money to spend, see? So I think those are some of the things that we have to talk about when we're talking about the lid on schools. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I'd like to ask Senator...Jan, if you could, I need some dollar...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...I need some dollars, if you can. What would be the estimated dollar, Senator, if we're going to go with your bill, what would be the estimated dollars saved?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Schellpeper, I actually was just doing that calculation so you must have ESP and, yes, I do think it's me that needs CPR today, not CPI, but schools, if we could reduce spending in General Fund expenditures alone for the schools, it would be a 16 million dollar saving...savings. And in terms of...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If we went to zero or...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: If we just reduce one percent spending.