

or two, but it just seems to me it is an area that we've got to get a handle on, and I recognize, based on a few comments I've gotten, and some more I am anticipating to get, that it is not going to be easy on some school districts. On the other hand, I have a sense that it varies by district year to year. Some years have some latecomers come in, for example, and have to react to that, they are not prepared to do. Others, I assume the problem goes away, quote, maybe not necessarily, but it is not as severe other years, so I am sure there are some cycles in this that each and every district is affected differently. But from the State of Nebraska's standpoint, and our standpoint in the budget, we've got to get a handle on this, and I don't...I don't know of another way to do it but to really put a hammer down, so to speak. And I think I am willing to take that risk at this point to see where we are going. I'd like to ask Senator Bohlke a question. One of the questions, the amount will increase, based on the General Funds spending level, can you answer a little bit of that, what we have been doing, the area that we anticipate the growth rate? In other words, I want a little more...a little more expansion on the growth rate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The growth rate will come in the year after the flat tax.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I understand.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And so what people need to understand is that we will be sending to the Department of Education \$122 million that will then be sent out to the individual districts.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I understand that, and then two years from now, '97-98, on what basis will that expansion be based?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That would be based on the \$122 million,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Plus...

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...plus the percentage growth.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And would you expand a little bit on the percentage growth? That's what I want to clarify probably for most...I know some of the answer, but...