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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Warner, then I'll...you were sitting and Senator Kristensen was standing, that's the reason I picked on him.

SENATOR WARNER: That was a very good decision.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laughs)

SENATOR WARNER: Well, your question is relative to special ed.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, when they...say they had four or five students come into the system, they have to cover those for a year. Thirteen months later that becomes state aid back, in my understanding. Is that...

SENATOR WARNER: Special ed...all aspects of special ed are out of it now, including their current level expenditure is out, they don't take 2 or 3 percent, as the board may vote, times that, it's out of the base. But then the state aid that comes in, it also is outside the...and one of the obvious concerns was, particularly on a smaller system, you could have a couple of students move in one year that would up significantly...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right, that's what I'm talking about.

SENATOR WARNER: And as this is proposed it's clearly out. Senator McKenzie might want to respond, too, because she had the initial amendment to address that issue. But I don't believe special ed is affected whatsoever other than the cap that was put on on statewide purposes of...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The total dollars.

SENATOR WARNER: ...LB 742 last year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, that's what I wanted to know. If anyone has any comments on that I would be open to that, otherwise I, that will conclude my comments and questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body,