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case that really frustrates them and the management of their systems. And so I appreciate the effort, Senator Bohlke, and the committee, and the goal that seems to be overriding 149, and that is to put some stability into the system. And whatever the components are, if it doesn't have some elements of stability, on Select File there are going to be many, many questions raised, I'm sure, by many in the body. So thank you for the hard work. And there's a lot of trust involved in this state aid to schools situation, and I trust the Education Committee to advance the bill to Select File and continue to work with us all on it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Engel, followed by Senator Redfield, Janssen, Brown, Stuhr, Beutler, and Quandahl.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you very much, Mr. President, members of the body. I have a couple questions of Senator Wickersham, if he would respond.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, would you yield?

SENATOR ENGEL: First of all, we realized last year that some of these monies disbursed where they...some received more than they needed, and many received less than they needed. Of those districts that received more than they needed, some of them, I realize, spent that money. The question I have, that those who were unable to spend the money, they did not need the money, I'm making an assumption but I want you to verify it, they can put that money in reserve? Is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, if I could respond to a couple things. One, you said that some school districts received more than they needed and some received less than they needed. I take it you're basing that comment on the calculated needs under 806, not what their personal or their local definition of what they need is.

SENATOR ENGEL: Oh, I'm talking about dollars, they received more dollars than they...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, but...but against...but against what