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SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Janssen, currently, they get that December 1. Actually, now, with what we are doing, they will not...they will get that in February. This year it will be April. So...but it will be using actual data. And so they will have that time to develop their budgets. So they're losing a little ground, actually, in the time that they receive it as far as how early it is. But, from every school I've heard from, they're willing to give that up because we'll be using actual data and they would prefer the more predictability with that.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right. Of course, some of the schools thought they were getting close to actual data last year, too. Although they were told it was an estimate, but because of actually no fault of their own, and by running an efficient school, they did lose dollars. Am I correct in that assumption?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct. And some of the schools had not remembered, by moving to December 1, we were using estimates. Even if they remembered that, they could not have seen the ramifi...huge ramifications from using those estimates.

SENATOR JANSSEN: The way I feel the money has been allocated. We did it last year and there were, I'm sure, some people who didn't think that we should put that money into education, but there again, if we claim that we want the best education in the Midwest, then we should complete what we started and not try to pull the rug out of programs that are already in place and need to be funded. I, for one, am going to support this. I think it's the right thing to do. We made the commitment to do it. It's no extra money, the money is there, and so I will support 149 to the end. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the more that I listen to how...to the...the technical aspect of the formula that got us to where we are, the more confused I am. And the more confused I am because I...I still think that it...it resulted from us overfunding the state aid part of the calculation when the needs were not...the needs as defined by us