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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've said every thing against the bill that I can, so now I'm going to speak again from our position as state senators. We have a responsibility to manage the state's money. We have a responsibility to build a budget in disregard of what the Governor has said, what others outside this Chamber have said. That does not mean we will not accept input from various directions. Probably too much will be accepted from the Governor, but the idea is that we are state officials. Senator Suttle touched on it, when we reach a point where more state spending is going to have to take place. There are people in all of your districts who are going to want the state to underwrite the cost of certain things that take place in those districts. They are going to have the notion that the money that winds up in the state's hands kind of just comes there up out of the ground and we should be parceling it out to them and taking away from the local subdivisions, political subdivisions the responsibility to pay the cost of the governing that they want to do. Their attitude is similar to that expressed by Senator Dierks, leave us alone, but they don't mean leave us alone, a-l-o-n-e. They mean leave us a loan, a l-o-a-n, a loan that does not have to be paid back or a grant, in other words, leave us a grant. Let us do anything we want to, let us run these operations as inefficiently as we want to, but we want you to pay the cost. We've got a car with a gas tank that leaks but we don't have to fix it because the state is going to give us the money to keep that gas tank with enough gas to keep this old "Radillac" going no matter how far it goes or how much gas leaks out. So I think our first and cardinal responsibility is to be looking at the money that the state has and that we're going to have to spend. When revenue is needed to be raised, we are the ones who have to put those policies in place to raise the money. This idea contained in this bill of obliging the state to put more money into public education without immediately attaching the power of the state to control that education so that thereby it can control the spending the state is going to have to do is irresponsible. It is unwise, but these localities want to tell the state, through these individual senators, you don't have any control, you're not to have any control, but you're to pay for whatever we do here. And I don't think that's good. The bill