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delegation, will be up the same. And now we have done ourselves proud by telling the City of Bellwood, the City of North Platte, school district of Milligan, school district of Kearney, that you reckless spenders, you keep it at seven percent because of the unique needs of the state we need to spend at fourteen percent.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR LEWIS: I think the lid petition on state government is going to be successful because of the hoax that we are fostering here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, you have two minutes left from the time that you loaned to Senator Hefner.

SENATOR SIMON: I would still loan that time to Senator Hefner, Mr. President.

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, thank you, Senator Simon. Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Simon amendment. I think it is real important that we let MAT exceed the lid, and the reason I do is because we need mass transportation. Also I am interested in this amendment because of the small rural fire districts. These subdivisions of government have small budgets and everytime they want to buy a piece of equipment they would have to bring it up to a vote of the people. This would sometimes cost more to bring it up to a vote of the people than their whole budget for one year, and I ask this body if this is fair. I don't think it is, and I can go on to townships. Whenever they buy a new roadgrader they have to bring it up to a vote of the people. The members that are serving on some of these small rural boards are conscientious honest people. They do not have a large enough budget to hire staff or to hire somebody that would keep up on the laws that we pass here in the State of Nebraska. Therefore, I would ask you to support this Simon amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is Senator Reutzel...Senator Reutzel. Senator Reutzel calls for the question. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye. The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body,