

we have a bill that's going to amend it and I'm going to support the amendments on it so the state funds coming in do not count altogether on your seven percent ad valorem tax. I'm going to support, which brought some eyebrows up the other day when we talked about it in Committee. But I want to know if Senator Kremer is willing to go in and ask the people of his district for a vote, because that's what it's going to take Senator, either a vote of them or a vote of four-fifths of the people in this Legislature to increase the spending above seven percent. I never found anybody across this state that wanted to increase the taxes on property... not one. You say you have some that want to increase them, but when they know the facts, do they really want to increase taxes? Do they...do you think that they will vote to increase the property tax for to provide that, and in Sarpy County, Douglas County and Washington County, one mill will generate two million dollars. I wonder...generate four million dollars... I wonder, Senator Kremer, if the people are really going to be interested in increasing taxes. And I wonder, would you comment right now whether you would stand up before the people and go to them and say I'm for increasing your property tax, even against the law that I supported on the floor of the Legislature and you voted for it? Were you willing to support that?

SENATOR KREMER: I'm standing up right now and telling you what I'm willing to do. I may get my head cut off. That's all right. I am willing to stand behind what I think we're going to have to do, or we're going to suffer the consequences, not only outstate Nebraska, but Omaha's going to suffer the same thing. I'm trying to make that emphatic. I'm standing up right now.

SENATOR KEYES: Then you won't try to kill LB 1, but you will support going to the people for the vote?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Keyes, we've already asked the Attorney General's opinion on the question that's just now been raised. We should have the answer by the time the bill gets over to the Select File.

SENATOR KEYES: But what the Attorney General is talking on is not what's going to come out of our Committee that we're going to amend, and we're going to amend it so that if you go over seven percent increase on property, other than state funds, and I think that will pass, you will have to go to a vote of the people and I'm understanding that you are willing to go to a vote of the people, or are you willing to support LB 1? That's my concern.