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the ability of a local subdivision to increase their revenue by 300 and 400% and my good friend and neighbor, Senator Dworak, was in support of it. Now we come along and we say we have got to put a lid on these people and as Senator Lewis has pointed out, it is the rural area that is going to suffer. I had to drive ten miles out of the way to get from my farm to David City for the last two months because the road was so bad out there you could not get through. Now I would like to ask, where is the greater cost, for me to drive ten miles out of the way to get to David City or to gravel the road and fix it up? I can tell you the local people are going to decide it is better to grade the road and gravel it and I don't want to have to stand out there and tell my township board or my county board that because of the fact there is one farmer living where four used to live in my area and in a couple of years there will be one where eight used to live, that we are only entitled to so many yards of gravel per mile. We are getting into an area where the faster we run the less progress we make. I know that Senator Carsten has tried really hard on this thing and I think as is pointed out, the minutes here speak for themselves. You cannot by any stretch of the imagination superimpose the will of this Legislature upon local government. Most of those people out there are elected as we are and the local people have the ability to throw those elected persons out if they want to do it and I can tell you that those people out there keep their finger on the pulse of the public also. I know that this amendment that Senator Dworak is talking about is one which is going to work to the detriment of the small schools in my area. It will work to the detriment of township government. It will work to the detriment of every single farmer who lives in the State of Nebraska and the ranchers and when you get out into Senator Lamb's country you are going to really have a problem and if you think you have got amenc. As now, you just wait until the results of this thing gets through. There will be amendments to the amendments to the amendments and there will be explanations that you can't argue for. It is too bad, you know, that we don't have the same concern about some of the other programs that we have about local government. We have a pretty awesome responsibility of our own. It approaches \$600,000,000 annually. I think we had better tend to our own responsibility and let the responsibility of our other governments, more or less, rest upon their shoulders. If you want to put a lid on, put a lid on but then go back home

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