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or the federal government can come in, start a program and in a year or two they withdraw their money and then the local people find that they are stuck with the program that they never even got to vote on and if somebody wants to come in and give \$50,000 to the City of Omaha or a \$100,000 or to some town to put up a park and it is only a portion of it, I think the people should vote before they spend the money and have to come up with the rest of the money. So that is the biggest reason that I want you to include that in the total budget. That is a part of the total budget. It must be if we are going to control spending and that is what the intent of this bill is so I move for the adoption of amendment 3.

PRESIDENT: Just close on all of them and then we are going to take them up one by one because we are not going to have any more debate on them. Senator Duis, for what purpose did you arise?

SENATOR DUIS: I rose to ask Senator Carsten a question about this particular amendment but if you want us to wait until we are clear through that would be fine.

PRESIDENT: Well he is closing on this. This was his closing.

SENATOR KEYES: Now on amendment 4 the amendment limits the increase from taxes levied to 9% when receipts from all sources are combined. Now this is the problem that the schools have in the State of Nebraska. They find out that when they combine their receipts and the local property taxes are generating some 60 or 70% of the money to operate the schools, they find that before, on the total budget, before they can come along and raise the taxes on the property to 7%, they find out taking percent of it that is raised by the property taxes, they can only raise the property taxes the 3½, 4½, 5%. Raising it up to 9% will help. It will not give them a 7% increase in the property taxes but it will help. That is the reason I want that one. Amendment 6, I think Frank Lewis gave us a very good description of that. Whenever you produce electricity or fuel and we have no control over that whatsoever, that should be taken out of the budget. I think that one will be accepted very readily. Now, in case you come along and say your school or your town or your college is going to grow 7% and you added to it and then you find out when you take the population that it didn't grow that much,