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tax in Omaha and let me drive over those chuckholes that are on L Street, that are on Center Street, that are on 90th, that are on 72nd. It don't help me one bit. Omaha didn't do what they said they was going to do. Omaha did what would help get them elected this next year. They cut their property taxes and they tell you they will come along and they will tell you it is the result of LB 1 and that is another falsehood that Omaha is telling you. It is a falsehood that Greg Stuve and the rest of them are telling, oh, we changed the rules. We didn't change the rules. Long before they come along and gave the penny, one mill cut in the taxes, long before that they knew that LB 1 was going to be law. We passed it in the special session and they didn't set that back, that one mill off until a long time after that. Matter of fact, it was August 15th, I think. Maybe the bill because it didn't carry the emergency clause, it wasn't effective yet but they can read and they knew what the intent was. I am a little perturbed about some friends of mine on the city council and the mayor of Omaha that he would try to fool me, fool me by telling me that they had to cut their taxes but they needed to have a penny sales tax to meet the firemen, to meet the police department, the salaries. They didn't do that. The biggest thing they did was they cut their property tax. Now they tell me that LB 1 affects the lid. The way we passed the lid bill yesterday, all LB 1 is going to do is say that they will have to include the city sales tax when they are figuring their gross budget, and let me tell you, 7%, the sales tax has went up more than 7% every year since we have put it in in 1968,, I think it was. It has went up more than 7% every year, more in the vicinity of 12% to 15%. It generates that much extra money.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay. Now all the City of Omaha has to do is get itself in line, be honest with the people and tell them what they want, that they are asking for this money so that they can cut the property taxes. That is what they did with the first bunch. I am beginning to wonder. If they will guarantee me that they will not cut the property taxes with this next one and they will use it to fix the streets and the rest of the part of Omaha that I use, I will support it. I am going to support it anyhow but I want them to know that I don't enjoy being fooled the second time. The first time we can laugh about. The second time I am the fool and I am no fool for anybody in Omaha.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue the debate, underneath