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we will have to raise \$5 million from property taxes, and as you know, the problem we have with raising \$5 million from property taxes is that we have a 7% lid on local government and that 7% lid, that 7% lid will not allow that additional \$5 million to be picked up. Now I supported the amendments to this bill. Senator Carsten in his wisdom offered a reasonable compromise, a way in which I personally and many other members on the Revenue Committee and on the floor of the Legislature, and many Omaha Senators could allow and live with the extension. That compromise allows for the vote of the people. Now I think that while I think the half cent city sales tax extension is not the preferable way to raise the revenues, it is practically the only way, and with this vote I think it will be, in fact, agreeable to the people of the City of Omaha and I think that is exactly the issue here, what is best or what is good for the people of Omaha and whether or not we ought to allow them to take part in this decision making. We have a situation, Senator Keyes, that you have not fully explained. Senator Keyes talks about the dollars that can be raised from property tax from one mill on the property tax but you used two different situations, prior to reevaluation and after reevaluation. The talk of reducing two and a half million is incorrect when you talk about prior to reevaluations which in fact is what the mill levy was at that time, and even at that, we have a situation where we are going to have to raise \$5 million from property tax and I want to say this that as a Senator from Omaha I don't prefer the property tax, I don't like the sales tax, I would prefer a different form of tax but I don't think it is palatable, I don't think it is saleable. I don't think this Legislature would authorize a different type of tax, something like the earnings tax, because we have then, Senator Keyes, the argument that you would make on this floor is that not only do you have to pay the half cent city sales tax but you don't want your people who live in your district but work in Omaha to have to pay an earnings tax even though that is more just and fair. The situation is that the City of Omaha is in a crisis. It needs the money. And I am standing up here to support this bill because I recognize that need. It is an absolute undeniable truth and you can't raise it from the property tax. For that reason, this bill needs to be advanced. The city needs this bill. We need to finance the city. We cannot be irresponsible, this body cannot afford to be irresponsible and I would hope that you would advance this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, I overlooked you. I apologize, then we will go to Senator Labedz.