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we would take off 2½% of the 20% each year and we have already discussed that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you. It just doesn't seem right to keep the counties within a lid of 7% which was passed last year and then saddle them with this kind of an increase which certainly has to be absorbed at the expense of other programs within the county and Senator Schmit mentioned the roads. This would be one that would certainly suffer. In my own county the cost of the medical vendor payments went up 17% last year in their budget and then they had a deficit of a couple thousand dollars when the year was over which had to be made up. So it is a real problem to the counties. I don't think it should have been put there in the first place. It is not a program that the counties can handle, that they can do anything about so I urge you to support my amendment to the amendment because I think it will give us a start in the right direction and we will work into our budget in the State of Nebraska so that possibly we will not have an increase in sales and income tax. If our economy continues we should be able to pick this percentage up each year without blowing the lid off. I move for the adoption of my amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We will ask the Clerk to read the amendment.

CLERK: (Read Kahle amendment found on pages 1584-1585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Kahle's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. Now we have another amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend the committee amendments: "Strike seventeen and one-half and insert ten. Strike the remainder after 1979."

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I am in an untenable position