

pension benefits, it's eleven or twelve percent. So I think that we ought to get this bill into position to vote up or down a seven percent limitation, and if you really want to be popular we can change that seven to five, or perhaps four, or perhaps a negative two, and then we've shown those local guys at home how not to spend money. Now we shouldn't mention the bills that we voted for in terms of expending it, but we're clever enough to know that we're that far away from Hartington that we can do it differently down here and go home and tell them differently. We're far enough away from Valentine that we can do it differently. We're far enough away from Omaha, and yea we're even far enough away from Bellevue, that we can develop two kinds of philosophy in terms of how we ought to spend money. I opposed the lid before. It was a cheap political scheme, because everybody thought that the guy that drove that big Cadillac and had five million dollars back west drank a little too much booze or he'd have voted for the 18 year old thing this morning, but you know everybody got on that bandwagon because they thought the people in this state were stupid, and I didn't think so, and I think the people have indicated that issue. I want to make this just as tough as we can, Senator Schmit, and see who in this Legislature wants to stand up and stick out their chest like they did in the hot days of June and say we ought to tell those counties, and we ought to tell those cities, and we ought to tell those school districts how to run their business and how to spend their money. So I think the approach to this bill is put nothing on it, in fact, let's put some amendments on it to really tighten it up.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: You've got one minute.

SENATOR LEWIS: So, Mr. Chairman, I think that we have made our little bed, and I think we ought to oppose any amendments that would make it softer, because this is not going to be a feather mattress like my mother used to have. When we end up this thing is going to be as hard as a slate board to sleep on, and I don't think that's a bad choice to have when it gets to Final Reading.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well going along with the tenure of Senator Lewis' speech, may I say, methinks he doth protest too much. Shakespeare as opposed to Walter Scott. However,