

did indeed attempt to limit the local control...local governments. If I had my way and somebody wants to kill this bill, after we've tried to put it in as reasonable a position we can that I'll vote to kill the bill, but it's my responsibility until it gets to that position of resting in peace to try to make it reasonable, and not to be unreasonable when the reality is we're probably going to get it whether we like it or not. I told you the other day, I campaigned against the lid bill in every respect and it didn't bother me one iota, and it didn't bother a lot of my constituents either, because I'm here to serve one more term. So I'm saying, Senator Lewis, if you've got the horses and I'll join you and Senator Schmit and others and you want to kill 285 and get rid of the remnants of LB 1 I'll be there with you, but until that time, I think it's important for this body to accept a reasonable amendment, and too, Senator Johnson, I would advise you that the big apple and the Big Red have one thing in common and generally they might be red in color, but really there is no analogy nor comparison in terms of New York City and its financial problems and the state of Nebraska and its local control on government. The only thing New York City ever did was to have red ink, and that's a part of big politics and big government that is none like even this state. So I'm asking you, Senator Johnson and others, to accept this amendment as reasonable. The local boards of management, whoever they are, cities, counties, or school districts, whoever they might be, are...these are costs in every case that they have no control over. They must indeed put the money there, and I would submit to you, Senator Johnson, and you are a friend of the working man, and I have observed you, that in many cases the working man is going to help subsidize fuel, energy, electricity, from his salary, and I don't think that's fair. I don't think a working individual should subsidize the building costs of maintaining that building in terms of its heat, its energy, whatever it might be. All I'm trying to do here is not to penalize them excessively. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read the amendment that we're going to vote on.

CLERK: Mr. President...(Read Koch amendment.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of the adoption of the Koch amendment to 285 vote aye. Opposed vote no. We're voting on the Koch amendment to LB 285. Have you all voted?

SENATOR KOCH: How many are excused, Mr. Speaker?