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penny sales tax for Omaha, we would have a government that we could afford in this state. As it is now most of the people are standing around visiting and talking and not paying one bit of attention. I would like you to go and give us a two percent cut on every general fund appropriation. Save the taxpayers \$2,300,000, and let government operate efficiently.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Senator Koch, do you want to be recognized on the Keyes' motion? The question's been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Where are we? Senator Keyes, you're closing on your amendment.

SENATOR KEYES: Just about two minutes. While Governor Thone...candidate Governor Thone and I were traveling across the state he wanted to keep the government of this state within five percent. I understand that this is about a seven percent increase according to the budget here. I'm going to ask that you bring it down to the five percent. Let's give Governor Thone what he really wanted when he was campaigning. Let's support it. Let's do something for the taxpayers of this state. Let's cut taxes once. The federal government was able to cut taxes. We had to increase ours one percent, so we didn't have to take the cut in accordance with what the federal government does. Now we have an opportunity here to take two percent over this budget...every general fund obligation in this budget, and live. It will be \$2,660,000. We can live with it, and we can give Charlie Thone what he wanted when he was a candidate and I know he wants it today. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the Keyes' amendment to LB 587. Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Keyes' amendment? Your light's still on. Oh. Sorry. Okay, we're voting on the Keyes' amendment. All those in favor of the motion...amendment, vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. Speaker, seeing the strength of this and I know that we want to support the Governor of this state, we only need four more votes, and I'd ask for a Call of the House, and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, a Call of the House has been requested.