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SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to rise to support Senator Keyes. I thought all along that we should put more money in the school aid fund for several reasons and I will try to make them short and sweet. The only way you are going to hold the ad valorem tax to anywhere near 7%, this was discussed here yesterday, is to put a little bit more money in school aid and I attempted to do this in committee and was not successful, but there are several bills floating around, one that Senator Koch has. If we are going to have a 7% lid on our ad valorem tax, the only way in the world we can get it now with the way 285 is written is to add something to school aid. Because the way the bill now reads and it was brought out yesterday by Senator Keyes and others, certain expenses are exempt from the 7%, and if you are not going to put any more state aid in, it has to come from the local tax on property. There is just no other place it can come from and I have felt a long time, all through the session, that we in the Legislature should see that at least 7% is added to school aid so that we will be even with what we are trying to get from the taxpayers out in our counties and communities. So I strongly support this, even if it would mean an increase in sales-income tax because I think it is the only fair way to do it and I believe as it has been explained it will not increase the sales-income tax unless we have a disaster. Some of you are spelling gloom and doom because of the rain. I think we are a lot better off with a little too much rain than not enough especially on what, the fourth day of May, when we have a whole month yet to plant our crops. Thank you very much. I certainly support the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: We have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner moves to amend the Keyes amendment: Read Hefner amendment offered on page 1863, Legislative Journal.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, it looks like we won't be able to get the \$10 million through and so I propose to amend this to \$4 million. Senator Maresh said that it didn't look like we was going to get LB 44 through and this would save the state approximately \$4.5 million. So, therefore, we could raise the \$4 million without dipping into the reserve. Also at the present time, we allocate

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