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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Keyes, did you want to talk to the amendment to the amendment? Senator Keyes, did you want to talk to the amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and it does bother me to say that we are going to take the \$4 million out of the food tax credit but I am going to support it. The \$4 million would help and it certainly will not bring us into any way whatsoever of jeopardizing the override. We are going to have plenty of money to operate there, and as Senator Koch said, I hope Governor Thone and I hope the Board of Equalization and Assessments do not come and sometime later on this year or next November try and get by cutting the taxes, cutting the one point off of the income tax. I am going to support it. Senator Maresh, I am very sorry that we are taking the food tax credit and putting it into state aid to education but I am going to support the \$4 million and hope that we can come back next year and do better.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck, do you want to talk to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR SIECK: I would like to talk to the amendment. I am opposed to this amendment because I feel that we need to give the property tax relief and I am real much opposed to the amendment to the amendment but I will support Keyes amendment. The amendment what Senator Hefner is putting on is just a drop in the bucket to help relief of our property tax.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. We do have to have a little order in here. I think we have got a conglomeration of some kind going out in the middle there. No one is listening to anything. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I suffer some of the same concerns as Senator Sieck but it is obvious that \$10 million isn't going to fly and I think we can defend \$4 million. In fact I have an amendment after Senator Keyes' amendment to follow. I am not normally that negative but it is obvious this body doesn't want to put \$10 million out there. But when Senator Warner talks about insignificant, it is a 7% increase in state aid and that is what we have been talking about. That is the famous verse, fifth stanza, 7%. Senator Warner says it won't be a very significant drop in property tax. That is probably right. It won't be terribly significant but there will be some significance, and since Senator Maresh was kind enough to suggest that LB 44 wasn't going to be a viable

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