

fifteen, twenty days ago. Now I am willing for us to go with the dollar level we have to in terms of our budget. If there are those games played with this Legislature, and we have all played those up and down tax games before until we didn't know what we were doing, then there is going to be some serious discrediting of the executive and others that might participate in that kind of a charade. Certainly the candor has always been there so far in relationship with the executive and certainly the candor with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. I guess I am in a bad situation in terms of trying to decide what to put on. We are going to spend \$4 million and that is going to be added and I can see the headlines now, Senator Koch, and I support the concept that you do in terms of more aid for education, you know that. State Aid Increases. We are going to go back home and they are going to say I saw nothing in my property tax at all. The \$4 million that Senator Hefner is including in this amendment comes out to a total, to a total, of about \$12 a kid. \$12 per student, that is about all it is. Now if you want to do something to show that there is still interest in the Legislature in state aid, I would recommend maybe of a quarter of a million dollars. It will have the same net effect in terms of the locals. It is very difficult for me to be in this position but that is where I am.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, all this would do is change the Keyes amendment from \$10 million to \$4 million. Like I said before, this is approximately a 7% increase on the \$55 million that we pay out in state aid to education now. It was debated on the floor or the statement was made that it doesn't look like LB 44 will get through this year so this way that would raise approximately \$4.5 million. Senator Lewis says he would like \$35 million increase in state aid. I would like a little more than this \$4 million, too. I would like the \$10 million but I guess when you can't get the \$10 million through, then you are willing to compromise at a little bit less and again I want to say to this body that this \$4 million would go into the foundation part of state aid to schools. It would be right in the Keyes amendment. Also the school districts would not have to raise property taxes over 7% because they would each be receiving approximately a 7% increase in state aid to schools. I feel that this is a compromise and I urge you to vote for the adoption of this amendment to the Keyes amendment.