

May 4, 1979

LB 585

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is the Hefner amendment to the Keyes amendment. All those in favor of the Hefner amendment to the Keyes amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. This is to LB 585. This is the Hefner amendment to the Keyes amendment. Do you want the amendment read again? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Last time I am going to call, have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we are now voting on the Keyes amendment as amended. No, it isn't amended. We are voting on the Keyes amendment, Mr. Clerk. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Am I closing? Is this closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, we have got about four lights on.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, I will wait until they get theirs in.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While we are proceeding on this debate, I would like to pose that this Legislature remain in session until two o'clock especially to take up appropriation...to take up at least the rest of Select File. If we get through, because it becomes kind of a defeating proposition to recess at noon and then try and get a quorum back here at one-thirty and then try and struggle for an hour or two. So why don't we struggle from now until two o'clock and hopefully as many of you as possible can remain. At two o'clock, we'll adjourn for the day. Okay. Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized? We are on the Keyes amendment now.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, it is obvious this body is not receptive to any increase in state aid, particularly when my good friend, Senator Lewis, says that is tokenism and it would be somewhat blatant on our part. But for the record, and I seldom do this, but I want this in the record that when this state carries that surplus because of the cash flow needs, I do not want the Board of Equalization, as I have been hearing, meeting next November and suddenly offering to the people of this state a reduction in the revenue act. I have watched this happen too many times since I have been here and I don't want it to happen now because men on this floor with credibility are saying to me that this isn't going to happen, that we have a tight budget. It is a 7% budget and we have no extra money any place. I know Senator Keyes amendment isn't going to fly but I would hope the press would put this on the record and say that there are certain members here saying to us there