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SENATOR WARNER: No. Senator Keyes, I am not talking about receipts. I am talking about a 7% increase over the current year's budget.

SENATOR KEYES: In spending and we may be able to meet it but I want to tell you one thing, folks, and Senator Kahle has brought this up, 52% of the money that we collect in this state goes to the subdivisions of government and it goes to the subdivisions of government on a dollar, dollar basis. There is no such thing as a 7% increase built into the money that we send back to the property tax relief. There is no 7% increase in state aid. There is no 7% increase in the personal property tax exemption or the intangibles. There is no such thing as a built in 7% there. Now I am going to tell you this, that if you think any subdivision of government is going to be able to tax its people and live within a 7% when half of the money is supported by the state, there is no way any subdivision of government can live with a lid bill, can live within 7% and operate and the State of Nebraska just as well wake up its mind. I have never had anybody come to me and say, Orval, I want you to go ahead and put up all these buildings that they want down there. They are essential. We have got to have them. Go ahead and increase taxes. I have had everybody come to me and tell me, start in on the state level and cut taxes, and if you are not willing to increase the amount of money that is going to subdivisions of government so they can live within their 7%, then let's cut taxes on the state level. Let's get it there where we can live with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I call the question. We can leave the Call for a moment so we can have the vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis asked to raise the Call and there are some of you that would like to get together to discuss some of these amendments, and with this in mind or with the understanding that when we get ready to vote on these again, we are going to have a Call of the House, the Chair will raise the Call but please stay in this room so we can get you back when we get ready to vote. The Call is raised. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Okay, record.