

done and then for us to sit here on the floor and say look at our budget, \$285,000,000 goes back in aid to the subdivisions. That is not accurate. It is \$285,000,000 that we denied them that they once had and would be considerably more than that if this body were willing to address the issue in a degree of credibility and candor. So I would hope that we change our verbage here and say it is not aid. It is money we are returning to local subdivisions for money we took away from them over the past fifteen years, which if you appreciate the value they would have significant money. They really wouldn't have to come here very often and beg for any more. So I suggest, Senator DeCamp, if you are doing this in good faith and you are really going to work at this and apply all of your influence, good luck.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, Senator Koch brought out a lot of things that I was going to talk about especially about the \$6,800,000 that we collected more in April than we did a year ago which shows that this nation and this state of ours especially is in a thriving economy so far as spending money is concerned because we take money in from the sales tax on the dollars that are spent. \$10,000,000 go on increasing over the \$55,000,000 and that is not 7%. My friends, if you want to do something for property owners in this state we ought to put a sales tax in at 7 or 8% and do completely away with the property tax. Do away with it absolutely because there is no way, as Senator Koch has pointed out, there is no way that you can justify the valuations. There is no way you can justify property educating students. There is no way you can justify taking money out of the property tax and coming along and building some of the things that are services to people that are no relationship to property whatsoever. Please leave that \$10,000,000. Senator DeCamp, I am surprised that you would come this morning after you talked so eloquently for increasing it and you were the third jockey that were riding that horse on \$10,000,000. Now you are going to have a reride and force a loss. I can't understand it, Senator DeCamp. You should let this go. If one Senator made a mistake in how he votes he has a right to correct it sometime along across this board but I am telling you my friends, let's go ahead and give the people some property tax relief because later on I will show you where we are increasing property taxes by 14% across this state just by following what we set here and we are spending 14% more money today