

would pay with the Carsten amendment or 2% of the 20% being taken away, the cost to the county then would be \$108,000 next year. Well that same county paid \$100,000 last year. That was 20% of the \$500,000 that I mentioned in the beginning. So with the 20% increase, the county would save exactly, or would still be paying \$108,000 and 7% of last year's payment would be \$107,000. That is not hard to figure, \$100,000 times 7%. So, the county is still, this particular county, this is just a fictitious county, would still be paying a thousand dollars more this year than it did last year. So, if you think that you are relieving property taxes, forget it. I'm not saying that we should relieve all of them but I think that we should at least break even and that is about what the 2½% would have done. So lest you have some ideas that this is really a boondoggle for local taxpayers, forget it. They are still going to be hooked an extra 10% about from what they paid last year. We are talking about 7%. So I guess we are going to protect the honor of the State of Nebraska with the 7% lid but you are going to hurt the programs out in the local subdivisions of government because there is only one place or two places that most counties can get that extra money. First of all they can only get 7% from, or we thought that they could only get 7% from taxpayers until we got 285 so they can add it on to the taxpayers but the total budget daresn't be over 7%. So what we are doing is allowing the property tax to go up and the state looking great and the 7% going back to the county across the board and not just on what the state provides but...but what the property tax provides. So it helps sure because it would be higher if we didn't do anything. But the bill that was worked out by all concerned early in January when we talked about having some relief for medical vendor payments, worked out with the Governor, by the way and I believe that the Governor still would sign the bill if it was sent over to him, but now we are cutting it all to pieces so it really doesn't mean anything. Now, I would be foolish if I tell you that we are going to fight this to the very end. You know what it is like if you throw a dog a bone and he sees a bigger one he is going to grab for the bigger one. I'm sure that we are not so stupid that we wouldn't run with what we could get.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got 30 seconds.

SENATOR KAHLE: But it certainly isn't what was agreed upon, it certainly isn't what should be coming back to a program that counties have absolutely nothing to do with and the state is going to look real fine because they will stay within their 7% limit. The only place the counties can get it is perhaps from the road fund. So it is...I just wanted you to know that when