

March 20, 1980

LB 627

because of our sincere interest, that you locals and you irresponsible people spend at such a level that you understand you can't go above that and then we do it five or six percentages above that. Then we come back and say, listen, since we don't give any aids back to the locals, we don't have to increase that at all and we can call it a 7% overall increase. It doesn't take much cleverness to follow that. I think it is important and I think it is time that the members of the Legislature, agency by agency, have a percentage increase of each of those and it doesn't wash. It doesn't wash to suggest you stayed within the 7% by simply giving no money back to the local subdivisions. That is almost the same philosophy as they have in Washington. We haven't perfected it quite as much but we may have a little time yet, Sam, to work on it. I oppose the Burrows motion. I would be more than happy to support Senator Chambers or anyone else that wants to get rid of this whole farce game of lids and I would vote to repeal them all and as I said I can do that easily since I refuse to participate in the sham to begin with.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the Burrows' motion and I think it is interesting. Senator Burrows gave as his basic reason on the kill motion because the people of Omaha and Nebraska City had voted in favor of it and it would be a disservice to them and a sham to try and remove this after such a short period of time. I think the sham was, Senator Burrows, that when the people went around on the lid petition in Omaha that they totally misrepresented the facts to citizens and as evidenced by a poll that was handed out that was put on each one of our desks, at least in my office and I am sure that you have it, which shows very clearly that if the same issue came before the citizens of Nebraska or before Omaha today, the people overwhelmingly would not support, would not support a lid. They were duped. Promises were made that they would be able to receive the same type of service that they had before with no additional expenditures, with a zero percent lid and, Senator Burrows, you and I both know that you can't get something for nothing but they were sold a bill of goods. I had people in my district call me up and one lady was almost in tears because now there is not going to be any bus service out to her particular community to transport her kids. I said, how did you vote on the lid bill? Oh, I voted in favor of it. I said, it serves you right, serves you right. I don't have a lot of sympathy for those type of people who have that narrow-sidedness and just look at the issue behind them.