

They say, well if it doesn't affect me then I have got no problem. The people right now, Senator Burrows, in my district, the people right now in Senator Newell's district, the people right now in every senator's district in Omaha are feeling the pinch of the lid. They were sold the bill of goods. They were told they could get the same type of services without having to have any type of cuts. You can't do it. There is absolutely no way that you can do it. So I don't feel any great overriding concern on my part to disregard what that vote was because the people were lied to. I will be straightforward and honest and above board when I stand here on the floor and say that lids won't solve the problem. I agree with Senator Lewis. Lids don't deal with it. That is not the way to solve the problem if we are concerned about property tax. I would suggest that there are other ways to deal with this especially in view of the fact what the citizens of Omaha are now saying, I have a very clear cut mandate to support LB 627 and to oppose you for the reason that you gave and I would just say in closing that again, the sham that was made is not by this Legislature, maybe in passing LB 2 which was a farce but not in the concept of lids. The sham was made on the citizens of Omaha but as state senators we have responsibility, I certainly feel that I do, that I am well educated enough on the issue having looked at both sides, that if something is done even if it is done to the detriment of my community, that that means that I have to cast a vote to override the majority, I will do so because I hope that I am casting an intelligent vote and in this case by voting for 627 and against your kill motion, I will be doing so.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, then Senator Merz, then Senator Stoney.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would support Senator Burrows motion for possibly a little different reason. I think it is unfortunate that we have two bills back to back that essentially could have been accomplished in one bill. We can eliminate one bill and have one discussion or we can go through this procedure twice to accomplish what we could accomplish in one. Now if it is the desire of this body to go over this twice, so be it. I am one who has a rather deep seated feeling that I know exactly how the vote is going to come out because I have seen the educators at work before. It is interesting that it is this body who voted without an abstaining, or I shouldn't say abstaining, but without a contrary vote when we adopted LB 2 in our wisdom that we said this Legislature cannot change a lid imposed by the people, that if the people put it on, only the people can take it off. In the intervening several months