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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, this amendment simply changes the one year to two years in the bill that when the voters vote a referendum and there is a lot of work in a referendum when you get a majority of voters to put a lid, a specified lid on a subdivision, that it would restrict the imposition of that lid for two years. It does not alter the ability at the end of one year of the voters rejecting it or changing their mind but it limits the duration of a lid that would be imposed by a referendum to a two year period where the zero growth lid could exist. I think it is a measure of compromise. I think it is totally unfair to go to one year and I am asking for the two years as a compromise measure. I realize that going several years in a fast period of inflation is imposing a severe problem for that district but please don't forget for those voters that passed that lid, some of them are voting their bread and butter on the other side of it. They are on fixed incomes. The property tax is taking a very high percentage of their income and they have a tremendous problem paying it. So I ask you to look at this amendment carefully on a two year imposition of this. This does not correct all the problems of the bill. It is a very complex measure and I would have much rather worked with LB 609. There is a provision further down that I believe rejects the lid promptly in either section eight or ten that would have to be struck also but this goes a long ways toward making a compromise measure. I thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I listened through Senator Burrows' first effort to indefinitely postpone. He inferred that some of our character was showing in terms of trying to repeal lids all together. If we want to do that, Senator Beutler had a proposed amendment, you strike all the sections except one and that is to repeal LB 2 and that is maybe what we ought to do and I will admit here very publicly that I cast a vote for LB 2 in that session and that is probably one of the worst votes I ever cast in my life time but I have a chance to rectify it and I have a moral obligation to rectify it. It is always very interesting to me as I survey the general public and those particularly who are elected to high office, espouse the greatness and the goodness of the greatest natural resource of this state and that is the boys and girls. Seldom do we ever talk about them. All we talk about is the selfish interests of adults who many of them had a basic education but never had the opportunity to reason intelligently and many people making decisions in this state today bother me a great deal. Their