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LB 1002

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Keyes, you may close.

SENATOR KEYES: Very, very easily do I want to close. I want you to know that if we are going to give into this program of Senator Warner's, \$32,000,000 to schools, it must be a direct property tax relief and I understand that \$32,000,000 will only provide about \$7,000,000 direct property tax relief when you take the 7% into consideration. If the 7% is taken into consideration from sales tax, from state aid and we didn't increase state aid this year or federal funds or anything else, then the \$32,000,000 would be more than \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000. I can tell you this, that if I am going to support any way of spending this surplus money that is in the treasury it has to either be for a direct relief back to the people or else it has to be direct property tax relief. There is two hundred and fifty farmers and people in Sarpy County met yesterday with our county commissioners and our county assessor and we down here got the blame for it, my friends. We're the ones that got the blame for giving property tax the increase. They passed the buck so if there is any way that we can come through and give some property tax relief and if some other senator has a better one than what Senator Warner has or has more money than what we are putting into it, I will support it, but I ask you to support this one and then maybe we will amend it and give it \$50,000,000 or \$60,000,000. I will not vote to increase the sales tax this year.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is the adoption of the Keyes amendment to the Warner amendment to LB 1002. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. This is an appropriations bill and we are on Select File. This requires 25 votes. Have you all voted? Senator Keyes, there are five...

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Senator Luedtke, when I look at the board and see 25 I know that you just don't get 26.

PRESIDENT: That is right so the motion...

SENATOR KEYES: I went to school as they say and I learned the old math and I can sit and figure pretty fast so I can figure that I haven't got them there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Okay, on those immortal words, record the vote.