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or twenty percent. Now let me tell you a little something. Can we have a few Senators listening? Between the people in the sidelines taking pictures and those taking pictures on the floor of the Legislature, I get more attention at home with my children playing dominoes than I get out of this.

SENATOR CLARK: You probably have better control at home.

SENATOR KEYES: I do have better control at home.

SENATOR CLARK: Go ahead, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Can I...can I Call the House and have the Senators take their seats.

SENATOR CLARK: Could we have quiet on the floor in all due respect to anyone speaking?

SENATOR KEYES: Even down to me, because, friends, I want to tell you that the people across this state are listening and when you come along and are going to offer an amendment that will take the lid bill off of every subdivision of government in session you must have a reason. You must have a reason for taking it off and I will tell you what it is. The Governor of this state signed the food tax credit bill which was a thirty-five percent increase in spending at that level. The University under the Governor's plan is getting more than seven percent. It makes no difference where you go, the homestead exemption, what you go to, we are increasing it, either us or the Governor, are increasing the budget more than seven percent. It seems a folly that we would ask subdivisions of government to live within a seven percent lid and then not one on the floor of this Legislature has had the nerve to vote against all of the increases. You pick out certain ones that you vote against. The food tax credit by forty percent, the homestead exemption by twelve percent, the University by fourteen percent, 882, seven million dollars, that is a ten percent increase in that. Thirty-two million by Senator Warner for state aid, that is an increase of almost on the fifty-five million, if that goes through, that would be almost a forty percent increase. Another group of Senators on the floor of the Legislature put a seventy-five million dollar state aid bill through that is going to increase the spending almost double and a half, a two hundred and fifty percent increase. We have on General File sixteen million dollars, bills on General File, to increase the budget. We have on E & R and Final Reading six million one hundred

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