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people to ride the buses. We are encouraging more people not to drive their cars, and in so doing we are substantially increasing the ridership on the MAT buses in Omaha. Obviously, by doing so, by having more people ride the buses we are providing a hardship on them because they are not able to increase to purchase additional buses to meet the demand. So we are really in a Catch-22. This Legislature has gone on record in support of mass transit. This Legislature has gone on record in support of energy conservation and yet at the same time we are saying, yes, you should ride the bus, yes, you should park your car, yes, you should conserve gasoline, but no, you can't really ride the bus because we can't allow you to purchase additional buses. So this would exempt MAT from the lid bill. The second thing that 613 does....I say 613 because this was 613 that was amended from committee... the second thing that it does and I would let Senator Burrows or Senator Hefner take up part of my ten minutes to respond to this if they so wish, is that the committee in its wisdom fused another bill that Senator Burrows and Senator Hefner introduced and that is that it would exempt communities which have a budget of under \$25,000 from the lid, the philosophy being that a budget that small, an increase would be like using just for example one particular item could be so drastic that it would just shoot the heck out of a budget. Senator Burrows or Senator Hefner, if either one of you would like to have any of my time I would certainly be willing to yield to you in discussing that aspect of the bill. Senator Hefner, I would yield, Mr. Speaker, some of my time then to Senator Hefner to talk about the other aspect.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I don't understand. Are you yielding to Senator Hefner?

SENATOR SIMON: I am yielding some of my time to Senator Hefner with the provision that if he finishes before my time is up that I would still be able to have the mike.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, Mr.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would call into question the germaneness of the amendment and ask for a ruling from the Chair. If you are going to allow simply because this is a lid bill issue any subject matter to come up, we