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offered to that bill. So I am saying that they are the same substance and are all one together.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, I....your....my comment, first of all, is that I reluctantly rule that your particular amendments are germane, but I don't...well, we are just going to leave it at that. I don't think your argument is too hot. Let's put it that way. That's about as blunt as I can get. Senator Beutler. Where are we? Senator Lewis, do you wish to speak to the Simon amendment?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the Simon amendment, and I will try to do my poetry a little better today. Shakespeare said that it's not love's going that numbers your days but the fact that it goes a little ways. Several of us on this floor have consistently and openly opposed lids. Several of us have played politics with the lid bill all the way through. We have told the local subdivisions that you have to live with seven percent and we know how to set the example. Senator Simon says, well, that's okay except for MAT. Senator Burrows said, well, it's different in a small community. Senator Hefner says, it's different in a small community. The lid bill is probably the biggest boom for Bellevue, Nebraska, I have ever seen. People are leaving Omaha in droves, ten thousand student decrease in the last decade, decline of property. Where you have forced bussing and a lid, that is not a very attractive place to sell for people to buy a home. I think that the problem of lids, and I've said this since the first and I intend to stay with it to the end, it's nonsense. I have seen the draft...I have seen the draft of the state limitation that is going to be filed soon, and the truth is going to be here. There are several people sitting in this room smirking and smiling knowing the truth of our seven or eight percent lid. We are spending...we are spending at a rate of 14 or 15 percent for state government this year and we are justifying it by not giving anything to the local subdivision which we proudly display that we give 53 percent of our money. The state budget, and I want the record clear, is going to be up more than 14 percent. State colleges, Senator Cope, Senator Cullan, Senator Murphy, Senator Merz, Senator Carsten....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR LEWIS: ....will be up 13½ percent. The University of Nebraska, all the Lincoln delegation, all the Omaha