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be so miserly is an absolute indictment of us. There are times we must make a stand, and there is a time we shouldn't fold to intimidation. If we can't stand that heat and if we can't vote out of a conviction and with courage, then I suggest that we should not seek an office again, but rather should stand aside and second-guess who make tough decisions. Mr. Speaker, and members of this body, I beseech you to make a vote today for courage and for kids. I ask you to override the Governor's veto of LB 627.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just like to explain the problem I have with the bill in its present form. I have a school district in my area which last year did not stay within the seven percent limitation as far as their budget was concerned. A number of people were upset and disturbed and they have now submitted the petition to the school board for a zero percent lid. Now in the meantime, of course, the school district has had conversations with the Attorney General and the State Auditor and they have decided to drop their budget back to where they are within the seven percent lid. However, at this point the election is forthcoming and it is not any of the schools that Senator Koch just mentioned. It is a different school. So at this point the people have the petition submitted to the school board and in the next short period of time the date of the election will be set, and then the people will vote on it. Well, if 627 becomes law then all this activity is meaningless. The people do not...do not have this authority to...well, they can vote on this lid but it is meaningless. It's changing the ballgame in the middle of the stream. This, of course, is the result of not adopting the amendment which I offered the other day which it seems to me would have made it fair to all the school districts, both those who had previously initiated the lid and those who will possibly do it in the future. So I recognize the problems that this lid forces on school districts, and I am not excited about that at all. In fact, I am saddened every time one of those lids is enacted. But at this point, LB 627 does not treat school districts equitably. Some of them will get out with a one year lid. Some of them will have no lid at all because their vote comes at an inopportune time. Therefore, I have to oppose the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,