

feel that the individuals that voted on that particular issue in both of those school districts should have the same equal opportunity to remove that budget limitation as they did to impose it and I think it is rather ludicrous when we, as a body, provide individuals with the opportunity of initiative petition to impose budget limitations to turn around and then say we feel in our judgment, which is better than that of those who were successful in imposing this limitation, we would like to eliminate what you said in imposing that budget limitation and make this statutory change. Well I find that unconscionable and I am not talking just about this particular budget limitation because it affects this school district, a portion of which I represent but I think if we look at it from a broader perspective, that being any limitation that is placed, and I think we are totally disenfranchising these people. We are saying to the voters in those particular districts who made this decision that we do not agree with that decision and we feel that the action that you had taken should be negated through passage of this particular new law. Ladies and gentlemen, I have requested of the Attorney General here in the State of Nebraska an opinion on this particular issue. It has yet to have been rendered but I suspicion that it may be a little difficult for us to make this statutory change once this decision was reached by the voters in this particular limitation issue. So I would ask that you exercise some caution in advancing the bill without having that benefit of the opinion which will be rendered by the Attorney General. Once again, I feel that there has been sufficient information that has been obtained by the voters in the Omaha Public School District since the imposition of the lid. They see the negative impact that has come about and I feel that they, through the exercise of good judgment, if given the opportunity to address this issue again, would lift the budget limitation which exists, at least in OPS, and I would think that this would be consistent with Nebraska City also. So, ladies and gentlemen, all I am asking you to do, is to honor the wishes of those individuals who voted on this issue in both the Omaha Public School District and the Nebraska City School Districts and allow them the opportunity in the way that this limitation was imposed to remove it in a like manner. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Mr. Speaker, one more time we are going to the Attorney General for one of those famous opinions and when you are in trouble that is what you always do. Let me remind Senator Stoney the Legislature giveth and they taketh away as well. We have got all kinds of sunset provisions in our statutes and Senator Stoney is one of those great sunsetters. I had a bill here earlier in the session. He sunset that after two years. We sunset the City of Omaha's sales tax. That is what we are going to talk about that