

this time return to 17E to Select File for that special amendment. It is interesting isn't it that the bill went across here with little opposition. It is also interesting that suddenly there is an amendment, that is not yet placed on my desk, and I have always felt that when you are interested in something at least put it in the Journal so all can have a chance to look at it. I'm not going to support, hope you will not either.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you wish to close?

SENATOR STONEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Let me respond to Senator Koch's comments relative to the amendment. I have been attempting over the past few days to have this drafted to grant the proper protection and that is the reason it was not printed in the Journal. If I am not mistaken I did not receive it before yesterday or possibly the day before. Once again, ladies and gentlemen, I want to stress one point, that is the issue of equity and fairness. Set aside if you can, and I know that it is difficult to do that because many of us have biases all of us have biases but we are talking about an issue that the people in the Omaha School District and the Nebraska City School District voted on. Ladies and gentlemen in 1978 when there was a move a foot to provide for budget limitations in this state's constitution, this legislative body, during a special session, enacted LB 2, the local option tax control act. One of the reasons they did that and I was in agreement with it and I supported it and you will recall that Senator Koch was one of the co-introducers along with Senator Warner, was because I didn't think this type of language should be in the constitution. But I certainly felt that people through initiative should have an opportunity to impact on budgets. Knowing what we faced then in the 1970's and what we look forward to in the 80's and the 90's. Ladies and gentlemen unless we adopt this amendment, we are by a majority vote in this body thumbing our nose at the public. Again it is a matter of principle with me. If you can consider the fact that this legislature gave citizens in the state of this Nebraska an opportunity to vote on an issue and now because some people are disappointed with the outcome of that vote, we want to disenfranchise those people by passing a law that says that the action that you took does not count. Ladies and gentlemen I find that unconscionable. You know there is a great chasm that is growing between this Nebraska Unicameral and the public at large. When we act in the fashion such as proposed in LB 17 that chasm grows wider and wider. I also think that it is a bit hypocritical on our parts when we act to enact laws