

I don't think we want to offer it at this time but we want you to kind of taste it and think about it. Senator Koch, I have talked to him. You indicated you might be receptive if we could have more time to work out some of the details, some of the support, so that it wouldn't take a great amount of time if we did work it out, is that still correct, Senator Koch?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, would you like to respond to that question?

SENATOR KOCH: As long as we understand I said I might consider it.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Koch, I would never hold you to anything other than a "might". I understand that. Senator Beutler, if I have some time, I would yield any time I have to you to discuss it further or on your own time, too.

SENATOR NICHOL: You have two and a half minutes, Senator Beutler. Would you like to take it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Don't I get any time on my own, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, there are four others ahead of you so you have a choice.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But I am an introducer.

SENATOR NICHOL: You now have two minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is all I need, Mr. Speaker. We are going to withdraw the amendment but we are dead serious about it. I think there are probably a lot of people in here who feel the same way I do about a seven percent lid. I don't like a seven percent lid or any flat-out percentage lid because it does not relate to economic realities. You may have inflation rates and increases in personal income in one year in the area of three and four percent and another year, like the years we have seen recently, when it is thirteen and fourteen percent. So seven percent is too high or too low. It doesn't really relate to what is going on in the economy. The second problem with the seven percent lid is that we have made so many exemptions to it that nobody in this Legislature can probably tell me what the actual increase in their particular school district and their particular city and their particular county was because the actual increases are not seven percent. They are something higher than that, somewhere between eight, nine and ten percent depending on how many of the exemptions apply to any