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the nation wouldn't be in as many problems as it is today but they made promises, social security is a good example, an excellent example. The President wasn't going to increase the percentage figure, 11.2, until sometime next year and he could defer several billion dollars of expenses and now I see where he will probably concede. The same people who support seven percent still want a 11.2 increase in their social security. That is because we all are somewhat selfish, don't understand total government, so I would hope that we do not accept Senator Newell and Senator Burrows amendment and pass 352 to Select as it is. If we can reach a consensus by a considerable amount at that time, let's do it there in terms of what we want to do with the seven percent lid.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kremer, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I do wish to speak to the amendment and speak against it. I strongly support LB 353 (sic). I have committed myself that I would speak to it. I have taken a stand that has not been easy to take. I have given this a lot of thought. I made it known to the people in my district. I have gone on radio and I have taken a firm stand that I am going to support the lifting of the lid and I am going to stand there, whatever the results may be because I think I am right. Now either we are going to trust locally elected officials or we are not going to trust them. Now if the state is going to at this level going to say we are going to operate county government or we are going to operate our schools from this level, I think we are going to find ourselves in a lot of trouble and with more problems than we can handle. Let me tell you what happened when I attended the Year 2000 Program in my district. When we arrived there, I asked Lieutenant Governor Luedtke how many districts have you been in and talked about the year 2000. He said, "Well, this is one of the last ones." I asked him to tell me if he could see a trend in what the people were saying as they conducted these programs in the various districts, and he said, "Yes, the trend seemed to indicate that the people want government off their back and we want to run our own program and we want to cut down on spending." Okay, I know in Aurora, and I know in other places, too, they divided the group into what, thirteen or fourteen or fifteen groups to discuss various issues. Now when these reports were given I did not hear that we want government off of our back. I did not hear that we want to cut spending. They wanted better roads. They wanted hard surfaced roads. They wanted state aid here. They wanted

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