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state aid there. So out of one side of their mouth actually they were saying one thing, that we do not want spending. The other side of their mouth they say we do want the liberty to spend what we think is needed. Now when we try to control spending by putting a lid on it, we are fooling ourselves and I am going to predict that if we...I don't care if we put the lid at nine percent, ten percent, eleven percent, there is going to be exemptions just like there are under the seven percent lid. I think the time has come where we need to go back, and I know that Senator Higgins feels that local control is just a farce, I don't think it is. I have long been an advocate of local control. I trust my local elected officials. I served on a school board for eleven years and I can truthfully say that every member of that school board over these years did the very best job they possibly could to cut down on spending and still doing the thing that needs to be done. I think I made a mistake when I voted for the lid bill in the first place. I still don't know why I really...I have taken the stand now on elimination of the lid, in support of 352. I stand there firm. If I get kicked out of my district, fine, but I think I have done that which my conscience tells me is the right thing to do and I am going to stand there. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record. Debate has ceased.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Newell, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: (Mike off) Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the body, I fully expect that this amendment will not have quite enough votes to be adopted and I understand full well why it won't. (A), because there are people who honestly, as Senator Kremer so eloquently said, who honestly believe that the lid should be repealed totally and those people will not vote for this provision. There are others who say that Senator Koch, and Senator Koch has pleaded, wait until Select File, we will have something that everybody can live with. That just isn't going to happen but there will be those people that are going to wait till Select