

can't buy a Snicker anymore for a quarter without paying some tax on it. For us to adopt this type of amendment is not in our best interest. If Senator Beutler proposes he has the magic formula based upon the income of the State of Nebraska, that is what we use, I suggest he comes in with a new bill before the Revenue Committee next session, it be given a proper hearing so that the people who are elected at local levels are able to determine whether or not that does indeed solve their problem. I said to you very clearly when you adopted my amendment, let's use 352 for one thing. Let's try to help them a little bit in terms of federal dollars they are going to lose and may not know. Senator Kremer came up to me a moment ago and said I want to speak because I am willing to repeal 7% and I will stand on that. I know Senator Kahle will too and I know many of us in here will but the fact of life is, we are not going to repeal it and I think we ought to keep it right where it is and live with it and then the people on the street may start to understand it. It is interesting when we federal level, President Reagan was going to do a lot to save the Social Security program. We were going to reduce the cost of living index but obviously he is hearing from quite a few people that they don't want that cost of living index decreased from 11.2 to some other magic number in view of inflation and a lot of other factors. So I can not support Senator Beutler and I know he believes he has the right formula. Several years ago we thought we had the right formula too when we adopted 7% in a panic but if you noticed a poll in the newspaper today it says, the poll nationally it says people are thinking now that these hot issues of putting lids on taxes are not so great anymore because a few of them had to suffer a little bit. So I submit to you until every man in the street and every woman understands the effect of a lid and the services it might deter or delete or abolish, they may then start to understand a little better about what the cost of doing business is or may be. So, Senator Beutler, as a good friend I suggest if you really believe this solves the problem, introduce legislation next session. The Revenue Committee will hear it...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR KOCH: ...this body will act on it and if we decide by twenty-five votes then, it is better than what we've got right now, then so be it. I oppose Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,