

a three-fourths majority of that board. Now basically it was originally designed to get rid of the six or eight, ten or twelve, I think it was twelve exemption proposals that came into the Legislature this year. I think six or eight of them came to the Revenue Committee and some of them were farmed out to some of the other committees. Basically they allowed for more exemptions, more loopholes. I think that that was intolerable and I voted to kill all the loopholes and said, all right, if there really is a justification, in order to save some money, with a super majority, with a three-fourths majority we ought to allow local boards to make those kinds of decisions. I chose three-fourths instead of two-thirds because I once proposed the two-thirds thing before. Then Governor Exon "whupped" me over the head with it, pointing out that there were a lot of three member boards across the state, a point I had not totally researched and so I am offering this to make it a super majority. Frankly, I think Senator Koch made some good arguments and maybe ought to just let it set but I offer this because I do believe we need some more flexibility and that with a super majority those board members ought to be able to take the heat and with that in mind I offer this to the Legislature for its consideration.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they will take the heat just like we can take it here. We've got more immunity. What you will have is those who do it will be subject to recall. We've had a little history on that. There is no reason to put them into the frying pan when here we feel the heat ourselves. Either this body is willing to repeal it totally and take the heat. Let's not pass it to them because the few that do that, I will tell you, I can name who will be, will be a few Class I schools who will take the heat but they will do that unanimously and they will still be appointed in their annual caucuses. But let them be elected in a larger system and see how many are going to be around when they decide to give themselves more flexibility. So, Senator Newell, I know that you are trying to do this to get a full discussion in debate and I appreciate it but until such time as we find a greater unanimity among the elected officials of the State of Nebraska and their constituents to repeal, I suggest we keep the 7% and the amendment just adopted, due to federal fund reductions and try it one more year. I remind you when some of us visited the Governor he said you had better have thirty votes because I will accept hardly any form of a lid removal I know of or even some kind of adjustment. So, I have seen enough of the Governor's vetoes in here and I have watched us try to override them and the least we can do is have something in 352 that might help a little bit at the local level when they lose some federal dollars. I oppose Senator Newell's amendment.