SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Newell, just one question if I
may. If this lid is raised, is it 9 or 9½?

SENATOR NEWELL: It would be 9, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: 9 in any particular case, can you tell me
how that relates to the people's ability to pay, that is,
you talk about need. Let's talk about ability to pay. Does
it have any relationship whatsoever to ability to pay? I
mean if personal income does not increase at all from this
year to next year for example, and they want to increase the
lid by 15%, well let's be more practical, 11% or 12% which
is what it might be. Now how do you expect the people to
deal with that?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Chris, frankly you will use income.
This, it does not have the ability to pay which is factored
in, I don't know that that is a tremendous indicator as I
indicated in my speech previously. Frankly, I think the
issue is, what does it need to fund that government. We
have wide fluctuations in growth of income. Frankly, the
sales tax is...(interruption)

SENATOR BEUTLER: So whatever the special interest groups
decide is what is needed, that is what the people should pay.

SENATOR NEWELL: Now, wait a minute. I am talking about the
local boards that set the budgets. Frankly, I think the
pressure groups that try to influence them, or the special
interest groups, I think we have written that into political
accountability and disclosure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I guess I would oppose this amendment
as I oppose all flat out percentage amendments. It has noth-
ing to do with economic realities. It has nothing to do with
ability to pay. It doesn't make sense.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question
of Senator Newell if I could, please. Senator Newell, how
far are you going to go with governing boards? I think gener-
ally we think of school boards, city councils, county boards.
What about technical community college boards, NRD boards?
Are they all covered by your amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.