

a public board wants to exceed that 7% they can exceed up to 9½% but they have to have two-thirds vote of the public body. That is about it and the way things have been going I am not sure how strong it is. You've heard the arguments on both sides so, I don't think there is too much more to discuss.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: We are speaking to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: The DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And this is the one that is...

SENATOR CLARK: The same amendment with different figures.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This is the one that is graduated. It goes up every year....

SENATOR CLARK: 9½% with two-thirds vote of the board.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, we did adopt a bill that the schools can raise the lid to replace federal funds, then the cities and the counties. Is this correct? And now we have an amendment that they can also raise the lid up to 9½% with a three-fourths vote of any board. Is this correct?

SENATOR CLARK: Two-thirds vote.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Two-thirds. Then it looks like we pretty well busted the lid. I wish that I would have had the opportunity to speak on the replacing the federal funds as I probably would have said that makes some sense but this one, plus the federal funds, doesn't make too much sense. I told the people in my district and I met with the schools and I had a gymnasium full of them one time, that I would support increasing the lid as high as 9% but I wouldn't vote to take the lid off. But from the actions that we have just taken it looks like we have taken the lid off or we are just about to. So I am going to say that possibly for this year, let's let them have the authority to replace the loss of federal funds and then come back next year and consider increasing the lid to 9½%. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, why belabor this? Two-thirds, whatever? It isn't going to change the situation and for us to continue to argue or to amend I think is not the best use of our time right now and I have said it before, that