

SENATOR NICHOL: The House is under Call. Will you all please take your seat? Sergeant at Arms, will you please gather in the fold? All unlicensed personnel please leave the floor. The only two excused ones are Chambers and DeCamp. As soon as we get this vote taken, we will let you adjourn for lunch...I should say recess for lunch and would you please light up your light as soon as you return to your desk, please? Senator Pirsch, would you light up your light please? Senator Koch, would you check in please? Senator Schmit and DeCamp, please check in. We are ready to go. Senator Kahle, did you want a roll call vote when you are finished?

SENATOR KAHLE: We will try the Board first and see how we come out.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR KAHLE: I will proceed, if it is all right with you, Mr. President. First I am rather surprised at Senator Warner saying that it will not...they will spend that money for something else. That is impossible because they are still under the seven percent lid and anything that comes in from the state will still be counted against the seven percent lid. The only thing that it does is relieve property tax. There is no other way they can go and I want to make that point first. He said it wouldn't help the counties much. If the Lincoln Journal was correct yesterday, and they had figures from Lancaster County, Lancaster County would receive \$700,000. I don't have the figures for Douglas County but I think it is over a million. So it will make a great deal of difference to those counties as well as the smaller counties. It isn't a big deal, I will admit that. It isn't as much tax relief as I would like to see but it is the only thing we have left this year and it is the only thing that goes in that direction. I think everything else has been said on this issue. We have talked about it every year since I have been down here. I think the new Senators that came in this year have been indoctrinated, either by their county boards or by us as we spoke about it. Somebody mentioned a bit ago that the speech I gave awhile ago probably didn't convince anybody. I don't doubt that one bit. I think that all we want to do is to bring out the facts, the facts that Senator Newell stated that we are one of the few states that even has any part of it paid by the counties, of the cost paid by the counties. We cannot control the program at the county level which was also brought out but today we are going for one year and one year only, trying to go from sixteen percent to fourteen percent. Even with those