

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I would like to ask Senator Barrett a question or two if I could. Senator Barrett, if I am correct we have a four mile limit that it is necessary to pick up the students to bring them in to school. Would this change that in any way?

SENATOR BARRETT: No, it would not, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: It would still be a four mile limit.

SENATOR BARRETT: That is my understanding, yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay. I guess I have some deep concerns about this and I would go along with those that spoke before about the lid. We had some very serious problems in the school district that I pay taxes to, the Kearney district, when they stopped bus service to the south part of Kearney which lays across the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and the parents there got together and have reinstated the use of at least two buses and maybe three which they pay directly out of their own pockets for. So I guess if there was anybody that was concerned about this I should be because that part of the city is in my district. But as much as I would like to see that happen and they would be able to be bused again, it is a way of blowing a hole in the lid and I agree that unless we blow the lid completely that a bit by bit is not the way to do it. I had introduced a bill the other day dealing with county bridges and we discussed that. I think we would be... I don't think we are going to build any bridges unless we do blow the lid. So I think we have a problem but much as I'd like to see the transportation paid above the lid or outside of the lid, I think we're going at it piecemeal instead of head on. One of the other things that would happen, we heard the Governor's budget this morning and the state budget sounds like if we follow his recommendations we're going to be able to hold the line on taxes but that is not the truth out in the local subdivisions where the real estate tax has been going up and will continue to go up at 7% at least if you're paying your share and they haven't changed your valuation. So I don't believe that the people back home would want us to blow the lid for just that particular segment. If we're going to blow it, let's blow it all. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: A question of Senator Barrett please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett, do you yield?

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes, Senator.