

transportation system and Bellevue lives under a lid like everyone else does. Bellevue could stand to lose at least \$2 million under 874 dollars this next year. When you transfer that into millages it is going to be a traumatic millage increase. In fact, it is so bad I'm thinking about introducing legislation to allow Bellevue and others to charge tuition to their students who are solely dependents of military personnel living on the reservations. Now, before you decide and make up your mind, I suggest you examine it very carefully because the committee is going to sit there doing surveys and listening to the various administrators and board members on the subject of transportation for just idle time. We came here with this piece of legislation because we think it is the most appropriate way to handle it in terms of transportation. The board then can defend their transportation policies or they can diminish them if they feel it is going out of hand but for us to allow that to be taken away from programs of instruction for children I don't believe is in the best interests of the children nor the best interest of the patrons nor for auditing of how much it costs us for transportation in the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly I want to oppose this bill. I have said many times that I would vote to remove the 7% lid but that I would oppose any end runs on it. I think the district that I live in probably has about as large a percentage of their budget going for transportation as maybe any other district in the state but I think that the 7% lid has been imposed on us. I think it would be wrong to run around it. Maybe when these people realize what it is costing them that it is costing education maybe we'll have a mandate to remove the 7% lid. I'm opposed to an end run.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just want to make one real brief comment. It strikes me as strange that on the same day of the year we hear from our Governor who basically wants to impose upon the state government an increase this year of something like 5 or 6% on the theory that the people are in a state of tax rebellion and this is all that we can do in these hard economic times and then over in the local political subdivisions side we have a lid which we call a 7% lid