

budget. In the City of Omaha it comes to .0009 as a percentage basis of the total budget. The total budget is \$147 million. This amounts to \$152,000. That is less than one-tenth of one percent. In Kearney the total budget is \$8,900,000. This is \$3,750 we are talking about in their budget. In Scottsbluff, a six, almost a \$7 million budget, we are talking about \$6,000. In Fremont, a \$5.5 million budget, we are talking about \$5,000. North Platte, \$8 million budget, \$5,800 is what we are talking about. Grand Island in a \$23 million budget, a \$16,000 cut. Any political subdivision can make a budget adjustment of one-tenth of one percent. That is a reasonable sharing of responsibility compared to a cutting of all state agencies of three percent. I do not accept Senator DeCamp's characterization that state agencies tramped in and applauded a three percent cut. That is simply not so. That is not what we heard at that budget hearing. We heard that they could survive but we did not hear some wholehearted applause for that idea. If there is by act of God, by a downturn in the recession, economic hard times, it seems reasonable that we all share in that fact and that is what this amendment attempts to address and there is no reason to exempt some special political subdivisions and then take it completely out of the hide of the state.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I will close, as a matter of fact, by simply stating that I think it seems reasonable to share the responsibility for the necessity of this cut and not to escape it by transferring it all to cities and counties, that this effect on them is minimal. They can withstand that quite easily in the sacrifice we ask of them. It is far, far less than we ask of ourselves, less than one-tenth of the sacrifice we ask of ourselves if we set a one percent cut in state agencies and this reduction in the personal property relief fund. I hope the body will support the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, I think this is the most irresponsible thing I have seen for a while. We met last spring for ninety days, thrashed out the \$70 million issue, the homestead issue. I don't know how many of you would like to have your salary or your income adjusted every month after you had a contract let's say. When you talk about county government, for