

dollars from the State of Nebraska to carry on the function of whatever the subdivision's function might be, cities, counties, or schools, and I am saying we have a moral obligation. They didn't make those decisions to set tax rates, we did or the State Board of Equalization was negligent. We all know that. There is an old political proverb and all of you know what it is. When you take credit for the rain, you have better take the blame for the drouth also. And we take credit for rain here many times when everything looks rosy. We ought to take the blame, too, when things don't turn out right fiscally. It is not the local subdivisions' problem that the state has got a mess. If they ran their local subdivisions of government like we have been running the state the last several years, this state would be in absolute chaos. It fact there would be more Subchapter 11s filed under subdivisions of government than you could hold the courts with. I don't think this is an unreasonable amendment at all. I think it is appropriate. I think this body has a moral obligation to say, all right, we will defer your payments but we will meet those obligations at a later date this year. What is unreasonable about that? Nothing. It is probably too reasonable because oftentimes this body doesn't reason very well together. I am asking for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner, your light was on but Senator Koch was closing on the amendment. The motion is the adoption of Senator Koch's amendment. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I would like to have a record vote on this for the Journal please.

SENATOR LAMB: A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 53, Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Motion failed. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch would now move to amend the bill. That amendment is also found on page 49 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wished I would have handed out "What's Best for Nebraska, the Year 2000" that thousands of people helped put together. We take great pride in these kind of documents and almost every area that they talked about in local communities or on the grassroots of Nebraska, education is mentioned under agriculture, cultural education, economic,