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That's basically the only change in the original amendment that we've been dealing with and I thought it would be a good idea to give you a chance to at least discuss that. If you think the lid is working and is doing what needs to be done, then you'll support my amendment. If you don't think it is doing that then I guess you won't support it. I just have to make the comment that we're at a time when we're asking many of the, or when we're letting many of the other segments of government increase their budgets, we're asking county government and local government to reduce their budgets and somehow I don't know if that sounds like it's going in the right direction for both entities so what I'm doing is just asking that we extend it one more year, we study the issue longer and see if it is broke and needs to be fixed then we need to deal with it, of course, at that time. But right now I feel like that in order to move ahead and move on to other things I would suggest that you support my amendment just to leave the lid limit where it is. That's all my amendment does. I'll answer any questions if there are any or any suggestion anybody has. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator McKenzie, on the Vrtiska amendment.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body, Senator Vrtiska, that's all your amendment does. (Laugh.)

SENATOR VRTISKA: What do I say?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Guts the bill and extends the sunset. I rise in opposition to the Vrtiska amendment to the committee amendments and I do so and let me use the same argument that I used in closing when we discussed LB 613 in Revenue Committee. You know, people talk to us all the time about property taxes and I'm sure they do to you. What are you doing about my property taxes? What is the problem with you people in Lincoln that you keep making my property taxes go up? And unfortunately people ask that because they don't understand that there are all these political subdivisions and I rattled off a number of them a few minutes ago who rely on property tax to set their budgets to be able to generate their revenue, to do what they have to do. And there are certainly a lot of issues that have to be discussed in the next two or three years as we move to finding a real solution to property tax burdens. But we cannot talk about LR 93CA without talking about spending. I didn't hear a lot of people in my district say to me, lower property taxes and shift