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not support the lid. Who were they? They were members of the local units of government. They were members. They wanted to point the finger at someone else. They didn't want to take that action themselves. The cross cut of my constituents have not said anything, but two local board members did say something and they were very adamant. They said they were going to vote for this lid. I said, fine, that's your prerogative. But I don't feel that that is going to be successful. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chronister. The Chair reminds the membership that about 44 minutes have expired.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I support the Senator from North Platte in his effort to lay to rest LB 813. All the confusion and excitement that was created at the time the lid was put into effect emanated from Omaha and the fact that the school board there would not listen to their constituents. I did not hear any hue and cry-out in my area for a lid at that time and I am sure none was experienced in other areas of Nebraska. I noticed that Senator Newell said he has a great belief in the ability of local governments to determine for themselves the programs needed. I share that belief. But then he went on to say that he also believes that the general public does not agree with his assessment. I disagree with that. I believe the general public does agree with that assessment. He said he feels that a tax revolt is imminent. I hear nothing of a tax revolt in my area in spite of the hard times being experienced by the farmers. I believe that we should let the lid die as well as LB 813. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I seriously question whether LB 813 is needed at this time. If the intent of 813 is to restrain the present expenditures at the local level, then our existing spending limitation act which is operating throughout the state's local budget making process is sufficient. If the intent of 813 anticipates future increased local government spending, then the built-in limitation on maximum levies