

Senator Marvel, your light is on, do you want to be heard on the amendment? Thank you. Any further discussion of the amendment? Question is, shall the Kelly amendment to the Duis, excuse me, the Kelly amendment to the Lewis amendment be adopted? That changes it from 7% to 3%. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on the Kelly amendment which would reduce the percentage point you may remember to 3%. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Kelly amendment is lost. Back to Senator Lewis amendment now. Any further discussion of the Lewis amendment? Senator Lewis, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: As a matter of fact, I do. Now Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Warner tried to imply that this was an attempt to kill his bill and I'm going to tell you the true facts--it is not. I talked to Senator Warner when this bill was on General File. I said, that limit is not reasonable, that limit can't be lived with because of the costs you can't control. My school district is probably spending \$60,000 or \$70,000 more this year just in increased Social Security. Now if the Legislature is going to put a 5% on here then I want to follow with the bill that no one can charge a sub-division of government more than 5% for any product it sells to them over last year's cost because you're going to have to control what they buy. Now I talked to Senator Warner and I stated my objections and the objections of two or three others in regard to this area and he told me that this was a negotiable item and something could be done on Select File. Now those of you that act like a shock and this came out of the dark, I'm trying to tell you that I made this known to him when this bill was on General File, I said I was concerned and he said he was flexible. Now what I've offered is pretty much within the area of compromising because it's up from 12 to 14. Now it would have been ridiculous of me to come in here and say 10, 12, 13 per cent but I'm giving you a reasonable number. State costs this year, the budget you just passed, 259, increased 8% and then to turn around and say well you guys down there are big spenders, we just increased 8% and then of course I noticed yesterday--now I think this is a reasonable amendment. I'm trying to help Senator Warner get this bill passed because I think he's going to get some support when he makes a reasonable approach. If he doesn't, there's 4, 5, 6, people who are going to have to get off of it. I move that we adopt my amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Marsh, do you wish to be heard? All right, any further discussion of the Lewis amendment? Question is, shall the Lewis amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Once again, have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 26 nays, 15 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion is lost. Back to the original bill now.

CLERK: There are no further amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the bill? Question is, shall LB 472 be, be advanced from Select File to E & R-- excuse me, apparently we have something else here. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, we've been talking about what percentages for example to give as increases for the school boards to adopt in their budget increases.