

million dollar mistake, I'm not going to say well, that is only one in ten years. So we have an 18 million dollar problem. Anything that creates an 18 million dollar problem, regardless of how well it has worked in the past, suddenly there is something wrong in my judgment with the system, and it is inoperative right now.

SENATOR KELLY: First of all you couldn't have an 18 million dollar problem, because of the 6 months difference you could at the most probably have a 9 million dollar problem if you used your figures. Now regardless of....

SENATOR LEWIS: The argument would still stand with 9 million.

SENATOR KELLY: We are going to say that this became operative now. Would you say that it became operative in April of 1973 when we started jacking around with what we are going to do with taxes in this state?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well certainly I think that the question of taxation and its involvement with politics are as unseperable as Laruel and Hardy. That has been done many times before and certainly the attempts to give immediate relief on a surplus was the starting of the domino theory to the problem that we have.

SENATOR KELLY: But you do recognize that you are completely changing our taxing system in Nebraska.

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, I certainly do.

SENATOR KELLY: You say that this became operative right now? Inoperative right now.

SENATOR LEWIS: It became inoperative when we had so many dollars in obligations. When some refused to recognize that those obligations were obligations and we appropriated less money than was necessary to carry out the intent of the legislature in appropriations. See we may be getting just a little bit of over spend from the Federal Government. They are very good at appropriating more money than what they have. It is a very simple process, you just say well we are going to spend this kind of money and you borrow more money and you build up the national debt and everybody is happy. You have lower taxes and you are spending more for programs. I think that this is exactly the thing.

SENATOR KELLY: I thank you for the answer.

SENATOR LEWIS: Could I just make one other comment since you brought it up Senator Kelly? You know that this is really the crust of the problem. Those that are so admonis that wait until the necessary time to evaluate into next year, lets see how much really concern you have for that and how much belly you have and lets set the rate November 1st.

SENATOR KELLY: It is my floor Senator. Thank you for the answer. Please recognize that this question is not a matter of the 2%. This is a matter of a complete change in historical way we have raised tax money in Nebraska. It is important, and I'm not sure that one little wave lapping lapping on the beach is reason for changing the whole system. We know about the continuing expenses, we know all about those all those things but we do know that the tax system in Nebraska has treated the