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a minimum of 6 or 7 mill increase in property tax on the average across the state. And I don't believe this is the type of thing we ought to be doing to the property owner in the state and I would hope we could vote down Senator Lewis' motion to advance the bill to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Nore and then Keyes, and then Whitney. Still speaking on the Frank Lewis only.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members. I sort of have mixed emotions when it comes to limitations. I would like to ask Senator Lewis in relation to limitations in state aid, why are we having limitations on the operation 15 mills for county government. Could you tell me why we have that limitation?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Senator, that came before my time and I certainly think it's created a tremendous number of problems as you are aware of. For instance, the funding of your LB302 which you're instrumental in and very excellent bill. In order to provide those services, if you have to come up with local money and the county is up against the limit, they've got some very serious problems. And certainly that limitation on the county wasn't part of my doing and I think it's a mistake.

SENATOR NORE: Would you suppose they put the limitations on to keep from confiscating our property by taxation? That is, our founders and our forefathers?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I think that's been a general concern and I think it's a concern to a lot of people but it doesn't appear to be a concern of the Legislature when they demand county services or city services or school services. You see, if we ask them to do something, that takes money to do it. And simply an artificial limit on it. If we tell them they're going to set up statewide mental health programs or statewide mental retardation programs or if they're going to do certain things with inoculation of children, visiting nurses, that takes dollars. And those that really want to keep that at 15 mills or whatever the mills are, we have to forgo the services.

SENATOR NORE: I wish you'd just give me a yes or no on some of these questions. Another question I'd like to ask you, why do banks and loan companies have limitation on their interest rates?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Well, I would say obviously that's for the protection of people and usually rates. Now, I'm sure, Senator Nore, whatever the limit is, with your skills and to negotiate, you don't need to be protected. But I would suspect that some that don't understand interest and rates as well as some that don't understand school aid, it's a problem.

SENATOR NORE: Would this solve...also apply to someone who owned their home and probably their farm, they should have some protection on limitation of taxation?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: They have probably the greatest protection of all, Senator Nore. They elect the people who set the spending levels.

SENATOR NORE: And isn't it true that usually our local ententes, when they get money from the state, there's sort of a psychological feeling that it's free and that it will not