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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I apologize for getting up the second time on one issue, and it's certainly seldom that I take umbrage with incorrect statements made by my distinguished colleague from Sarpy County, Senator Keyes, but I think the record needs to be straight, and I think, perhaps, we should go down that one more time so that we understand exactly what the issue is. The money collected, and let's just use a hypothetical example, so that no one will know my interest level and some of theirs...let's say the money's collected in the Bellevue School District. That's collected by the mill levy of the people in that district. It's collected for the purposes of education. The people of that district, in order to get that money collected, pay the the county one percent, or somewhere...somewhere in the neighborhood of one percent of four million dollars. The purpose is it's for the collection purpose. That money and the control of that money and the utilization of that money in terms of cash flow investments, is retained and belongs to the people that live in that particular district that paid the money in. The money from the Bellevue School District is not for the purpose of providing interest money for let's take another hypothetical example, for citizens that live in the county near Springfield, or perhaps Gretna, or perhaps northeast Sarpy, Senator Keyes. That money belongs...the use of that money belongs, and will be retained and should be retained by the citizens that pay it in through their mill levy. Now I think the issue is clear. I think the issue is clear that this is money that belongs... good management requires...good management requires the full utilization of that money, and the investment of that money. Now, Senator Keyes, on this particular occasion you're wrong. Either that, or you're trying to get a little money out of Bellevue and that really upsets me.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR CLARK: Yes, Mr. President and members, it just absolutely astounds me how these school districts and public subdivisions have survived in the state for a hundred and twelve years without this bill, and now it has the emergency clause on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any other discussion? Senator Keyes, have you been recognized? Yes. Senator Lewis. The bill has been returned. We're now ready for the vote on...on the Murphy amendment. Are you ready for that? Senator Murphy, do