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to not a new program but an expanded program and that it would be an increase in costs that would have to be put to a vote of the people for their approval.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch. Do you wish to speak to the amendment to the committee amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker, and thank you. We are getting a good lesson this morning in limitations and how difficult they are because I would like to merely give you an analogy which I think would be very appropriate for this body. We all get \$4,800 a year. That is our salary. So you apply 7% against it. So that means you are going to be able to increase your budget next year to three hundred and seven dollars as an individual Senator. Yet gasoline is going up every day when I go to the pump except if I am like Senator Clark and I get diesel. Then I will be able to buy a little cheaper fuel but not really, so that three hundred and seven dollars to one Senator who lives in Lincoln may be somewhat appropriate but to many of us who live away from here, that wouldn't help us very much. It wouldn't be long we would be trying to find or go to the vote of our people to exceed our budget to come down here and serve them if you follow my analogy because you cannot apply a 7% across the board so simply and you can't adopt Senator Dworak's amendment because in some places 1% could be a significant growth factor. It could be. Depends on the size of the community. Other places 1% doesn't appear that big. By the same token, you can't apply a negative factor either because you lose 20 people, you reduce your budget per capita so much because the same service has to be there until you run out of people and then you dissolve the whole business of service and government. Senator Dworak's proposal is the same thing we discussed last year in special session and we discussed, I think it was 899 on this floor, and for us to come back to that kind of a proposal, I believe is sheer folly. I commend Senator Carsten and his committee for all the work they have accomplished in trying to bring a body of law which I believe is a sincere effort to live with the intent of LB 1 no matter how badly it was drafted and sometimes I really believe for a good lesson, we, as a body, should have allowed LB 1 to go. Absolutely let it fly out of here and the best lesson would have been last year in special session to give it 33 votes. To create such a crises that this state would forget to talk about lids