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How many numbers are we talking about? A school district with ten thousand students in it, 7% growth is seven hundred students. Obviously that could require another building. Obviously that is probably a situation that should be faced by the people, that kind of an expenditure. That is a saleable legitimate growth type item. There is no problem with that. I just can't understand how we can sit on this floor and with a straight face tell people we can't live within the constraints of the 1% growth but the same thing doesn't work in a 1% population decrease situation. Now I think if you go home and tell your people that they are going to laugh you right out of town because I can't hardly believe I am hearing my ears here this morning. We can't cut services if we lose 1%. There is no possible way and we can't live within a 1% increase. Now if in fact, Senator Lewis, is this serious about his proposal of twenty five up and twenty five down, the next amendment will take care of that because the next amendment I am offering provides for a decrease in the lid limit if there is a decrease in population.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: You can't have it both ways. You can't say we can't live with a 1% restriction one way but we can't live with it the other way. It is inconsistent. It doesn't make good sense. It is illogical and you know it and how do we project growth? How do we make this determination? Guess what? The local governing body makes that decision. This is a good amendment and this is an amendment that is going to keep some kind of lid in effect. There is a lot of liberalization in the Carsten amendments and they worked hard on them and I compliment them on it but let's not throw the whole concept away. Let's get serious about this and come up with a workable proposition but let's not forget the whole concept of what these taxpayers are telling us today. They are pleading with us, put on some kind of restraints. The Appropriations Committee this year is living within a 7% budget...

PRESIDENT: Time is up, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: ...and so can local subdivisions of government.

PRESIDENT: The question before the house is the adoption of the Dworak amendment to the committee amendments on