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SENATOR MARESH: Does your amendment state this that...

SENATOR DWORAK: The bill restricts that any lid can be raised with a vote of the peoples so if the decline in population results in a decreasing lid and that would have a severe impact on a Class 1 school district or any other type of school district, those people then could vote against that decreasing lid limitation.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy, would you...? All right. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I apologize that I don't have a record player behind me playing the Battle Hymn of the Republic and I apologize that I do not have my hands on the pulse of the public like some members do but I want to tell you something. From my perspective, if I were voting selfishly on this amendment I would say Senator Dworak has got a fine amendment. He has got a fine amendment because the limitations are going to go to the small schools. It is going to go to the counties that are not growing. It is going to go to the cities that are not growing. It doesn't take a genius to understand where that is. Bellevue, Nebraska is bigger now than it was in 1970. Bellevue schools are bigger than it was in 1970. Sarpy County is about, I suppose fifteen thousand bigger. I would suggest that all of you look at your counties and see where they are in relationship to cost and in relationship to delivery of services. If you simply look at what it costs to deliver services, where? In Senator Lamb's district it costs sometimes as much as three or four times to educate every child than it does in my district. In Senator Lamb's district it costs probably five or six times in terms of roads as compared to my district. So the case here is that if Senator Dworak wants to push this forward and he wants to have it bought, I can buy it but I think it ought to be out there in terms of what the votes are. In fact, if Senator Dworak would propose that we spend the same amount of money for educational services statewide, the same amount of money for road services statewide, same amount of money for health services statewide, I would buy that. I think the argument here again gets down to really what the base argument is and that is everyone wants to cloak themselves as the righteous person in front of and always speaking for the taxpayer. Senator Dworak must have the best computer system known to man

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