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I don't think some person that is going to die is going to leave his estate to pay for the county's share of welfare cost. The dollars are going to come from sales and income tax and if you want to do it, do it now and I will make you this promise. If you adopt the amendment, I will support the bill all the way across and override the Governor's veto if necessary. Now that is a part of the record but you are going to get in trouble. The substantive trouble the counties have got right now is they are losing dollars from personal property tax because of the same mechanism that they are introducing right now, a little at a time, a little at a time. You know they have picked up some experience from those who sell bonds. Pay as little as possible now and balloon them on the end and don't worry about what happens five or six years down the road. They are adopting the federal policy. Every president of the United States that goes into office sets goals and objectives for the year following his last year in office and that is what we are doing. So if you calculate that out and those who plan to spend more than two or three years here, you are the ones who may get the heat because this is going to occur.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I have always supported the idea that we address problems directly. The direct problem here is if this program doesn't belong to the county, then it ought to be eliminated. It ought to be eliminated. We can start with the 10%. Some have advocated you need a little up there to develop their concern for the cost of the program. The substantive issue still is you have got to pay now or you got to pay later.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is the adoption of the Lewis amendment number one to LB 138. The Clerk will read the amendment again.

CLERK: (Read Lewis amendment found on page 1585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Lewis amendment vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? One last time, have you all voted? Senator Lewis. Record the vote. Okay.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 23 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.