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you are voting on ceasing debate, just leaving the North balcony are an additional forty-four fourth grade students from the Willa Cather Millard Public School with three teachers and three parents. Joel Miller is the teacher. This is in Senator Simon's district. The motion is to cease debate. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Before the Chair recognizes Senator Lewis to close the Clerk will read the amendment and then Senator Lewis will close.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I was personally offended by Senator Kahle's flippant remarks about my intention and my seriousness and that wounded me and mortified me and surprised me and shocked me that he would accuse me of being less than honorable in terms of the amendment I offered but I know that was an oversight on his part. Mr. President, I want to tell you the seriousness of the amendment. First of all, as I mentioned in the previous amendment that this is absolutely guaranteed tax increase at the state level and if that is true then we ought to be able to go back home to the folks and say, yes, we increased the state taxes, not this year of course, maybe because of some other motives other than lack of courage and I don't want to get into that or cast any aspersion because that is not my nature but for whatever the motives we didn't raise it but it is coming, that we ought to go back home and have the rationale to say, look, the dollars had to come from somewhere. Now we are taking state dollars, state sales and income tax dollars which you pay but we have given them to the county because they think this is not a legitimate bona fide program for them but they have returned them directly to you. Now in terms of logic I fail to see any flaws in that particular approach. The concerns expressed to me has been on the fact that property tax is going up and we are responsible because of the Medicaid cost. Okay. Then we are going to keep them down because the dollars we are going to send to them they are going to use for those reduced costs. We didn't do that with gas tax the last time we passed it and I think we have got one going here again, one or two. I don't know what that is but they do have a lid. But this will automatically guarantee those transfer of state dollars from here to there

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