

over, retirement systems, insurance premiums, fuels, electricity, water and sewer. Now they'd have to count the first seven percent of those costs in their budget procedure and their expenditures. Those expenditures which exceed the seven percent then would then be excluded, and Governor Thone has indicated to me that this is an acceptable amendment and that he would accept it as well. I believe it's fair to all subdivisions, not just the public school system. They have no control, as you know, over many of these issues. They are victims of it without any type of control in itself. So in our attempt to help these subdivisions of government under a limitation, I think the least we can do for them is to exactly as I'm offering to you, is to say you will count the first seven percent of your costs as it pertains to these items which have been definitively spelled out, and the remaining amount that you expend on those items shall not then be counted as a part of your base budget and your expenditures. I ask for adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes, did you wish to be recognized on this?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, in response to what Senator Koch is doing, which is a far cry from the lid bill that Senator Dworak and myself introduced a year ago, but if we take out these expenses, the only thing that we are going to have under the hundred and seven percent lid is the salary of the employees that work for the subdivision of government. All else is gone. Now as far as I'm concerned, the present bill is...has no meaning whatsoever, no relationship whatsoever to LB 1 that was passed in the special session, which was a seven percent lid on property taxes and property taxes only. So go ahead completely remove any lid bill on spending. There is no subdivision of government today that has any control over its expenses, I don't care if it's the salary Senator Koch, if it's pension funds, or what it is, it has no control over them except to say that beyond this point they shall not go, and if you wish to excuse them and let them go, after a while I will offer an amendment that will strike...kill this bill, and we will go back to the intent of what Senator Dworak and I had in mind when we introduced the lid bill. So, thank you, go ahead and support this. Vote for it. You have no lid bill left.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Simon, did you wish to speak on this?