

obligations that are essential over which they have no control. They do have to absorb seven percent of it in their budget. What the increases will be, nobody knows, but they undoubtedly are going to be increases. There are other areas that they can curtail, and I believe that these are the ones that they will look favorably at and perhaps this will be liveable even though most of the governmental subdivisions as has already been expressed would rather not have a lid at all, and I would hope that we would not. But I think that we, as a body, have followed those dictates as has been relayed to us by the people and are trying to do just that. I would hope that you might look favorable upon this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Frank Lewis, your light was on, did you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, my heart's with letting the school districts and the cities and the counties have this kind of relief, but basically it fosters a sham on in terms of what a lid is. A number of us during the intense serious discussion of LB 1, in order to save the people of the state, and come forward with a nonpolitical session like we did in the hot summer of '78, opposed the lid bill. If we set here, and if we piecemeal this piece by piece, by piece, and I know exactly how to do it and anybody with some degree of understanding of city, county and school districts budgets also knows how to do it, and we can provide a ten or eleven percent lid and go home and stick our chest out and say, by golly we've controlled local spending. I'm going to oppose Senator Koch's motion. I'm going to oppose any motion to the bill. I'm going to vote, Senator Keyes, with you and Whelan and Exon and Dworak and your bill, and keep it at seven percent and let's live with it. You see, the bill started out as a way to stab the schools, and everybody else was kind of laughing about that and that was funny, because the cities weren't involved, then Murphy cleverly puts in the amendment to make the city sales tax apply, and suddenly they realize they've got a problem. We're going to put the county money in there too on the rebate money, I hope, come Select File, and if we really want a seven percent lid for everybody, we've got the seven percent lid. Shakespeare said that once, I think...Oh what a tangled web we weave when we first attempt to deceive. And amendment after amendment that comes to this bill is deception. There's no seven percent lid. If you include social security, if you include utilities, if you include retirement and