

know that satellite that's flying around up there they say is going to come down and land someplace. If we can get this lid to contact it somewhere in space we're going to save the world, because we're blowing the lid right off. If you don't think so, just look at what we've already done. It almost makes me sick to think that I'm part of a body that last fall passed the lid bill, and today the same people are up speaking trying to blow holes in it. I've never been in favor of the lid. I think all of you know that, so maybe it's a little bit of sour grapes, but it really gripes me to think that we're in good faith with the public, passed LB 1 last year, caused the lid amendment that was on the ballot to fail, and now we're playing games trying to satisfy everybody. Either we have a lid on everything or we take the darn thing off, I say, and that's all I can say. I would hope you'd defeat the Koch amendment, and any other one that tries to...we've already passed some that have ruined the bill as far as I'm concerned. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I sense Senator Kahle's frustration, and I share it equally, but why should this body give to the citizens and to the local subdivisions of government that we always hold highest in terms of a claim their abilities, their integrity, their honor, their conservatism...that's what we say about those local governments. They know it best, and these amendments today we're offering affect all local governments, Senator Kahle, even that county officials group that you had...hold dear, and we're not putting any special kinds of amendments in here particularly for one subdivision or another. I'd right now be willing if this body would pass it, repeal 285, go back to LB 1, and then see how the people would like that mess, because all that was was nothing but a jigsaw puzzle no one understood. Maybe it's time we put the local governments under a crises so bad that then the people would understand that in reality you cannot truly place an arbitrary figure there and say it's fair for each and every one of us. As I used the analogy the other day, and since Mr. Johnson used the big apple, and Senator Murphy repeated it, if I'm a healthy specimen of individual and my medical care costs me only \$200 a year and that's generally for a physical, and a dental review, but another person who has several thousand dollars of medical bills, and you put me under seven percent, you put that person under seven percent, I want to tell you something, I'm going to be a lot better off assuming my health continues the same as it has been than that person who has medical health problems, because seven percent won't