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be a lid on property taxes? 7% lid on property taxes?

SENATOR CARSTEN: No, not as such, no, sir.

SENATOR KEYES: The lid did become a lid on property taxes. It had nothing to do with the total budgets. Senator Carsten, just for the record, as LB 285, would you say that that is a lid on property taxes now or is it a lid on the budget with probably eight or ten or fifteen ways of exceeding the budget?

SENATOR CARSTEN: It is a lid on the budget that is supported by taxes on the local level and those that are received from the state level.

SENATOR KEYES: And there are places in which the lid can exceed the 7%, such as...they are not taken into consideration. The main thing that is taken into consideration on this bill is the salary of the employees, especially in the teaching profession. Practically everything else has been taken out and the only thing you have then is a 7% lid on the wages of the people.

SENATOR CARSTEN: If I may, if I may comment.

SENATOR KEYES: You can comment. We have got ten minutes. You are not going to use more than that.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Keyes, you must remember that there is a limitation on the mill levy on counties and cities, NRDs and so forth. Schools do not have a limit, no.

SENATOR KEYES: And that is right and under this the NRDs, if they levy the half a mill, the way it stands now they can go up to the full mill if they want to. So what I am saying and what I want for the record is that the lid bill that started out to be a lid on property taxes has suddenly gone off the property taxes, can go to anything that they want to, anything that it needs to so long as they meet the budget bill and the 7% increase in there. I want the people to know and I want the record made clear that we are taking the lid off of property and we are putting it on the total budget and saying to the people of the State of Nebraska, your property taxes no longer have a lid bill, have a lid. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature is still under Call. Is there an objection to the motion to Call? Okay, the motion before the House, I guess we can take his motion in the