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amendment reads as follows: Read Vickers amendment found on page 1941, Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now these bills are on E & R for engrossment and they have to be brought back to Select File. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members of the body, this is an amendment that would be property tax relief in the purest form. The funding of the local schools is by far and large the biggest problem with the property taxpayer of the State of Nebraska. This \$10,000,000 additional state aid monies would be disbursed first of all ten percent to each school district over what they got last year and I have been told that amounts to about \$4.5 million. The additional \$5.5 million would be put out on a strictly per head count or per pupil basis based on their ADM of their previous year. This would help every school district in the State of Nebraska, including those of rural Nebraska, Senator Lamb, and including those in the urban area, Senator Lewis. I ask for your help to bring this bill back for this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner and then Senator Hefner. We are speaking on the Vickers proposed...well we are speaking on a motion to bring the bill back.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is an issue we went over again the other day. Let me suggest to you two things. I don't know if the body is committed to keeping their increase in the total appropriations to not exceed 7% or not. If you are not interested in staying within 7%, then I assume it doesn't make that much difference on that point. But I can suggest to you that if you do not, if you do not keep the appropriations within the 7%, then you can well expect and well deserve all sort of criticism from local government which this would help but all kinds of criticism of imposing a limitation on local governments that you aren't willing to live with yourself. If you expect any other argument than that one to be said, any other discussion, then you are kidding yourself and you should be prepared to accept that criticism for it for sure will come. Secondly I will also state again that the impact of increasing the \$10 million into the continuation budget this time, as sure as I am standing here is going to effect either the income or sales tax rate next November. The impact of \$10 million is any way you cut it in this budget is a \$20 million impact next time because it reduces the reserve by \$10 million or plus it adds \$10 million to the continuation budget, that is how it is. When you talk about