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SENATOR KEYES: Then in other words state government is keeping its budget under seven percent of what it was the year before?

SENATOR WARNER: The state government...the operation of state government on the average will be slightly under seven percent, yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Under seven percent? That's good. Now most of you people on the floor of the Legislature have supported the lid bill that we've had and this is a direct relationship between the lid bill and this ten million. If we don't come through with this ten million and I have an amendment that's going on 596 that's going to take care of the shortage that's going to show up, and it's going to come from sales and income tax. Unless we see fit to put more money into subdivisions of government with the present lid bill that we have which is no lid bill on property taxes but is a lid bill on the total budget, and if we don't fund them more, you're going to find that the local subdivisions of government are going to have to come through with not a seven percent increase in a year in which the inflation rate is running ten, twelve, fourteen, maybe sixteen percent, they are going to have to come through with another increase in the property tax. I support the ten million for education even if it makes us go up on the sales tax as long as it's going to lower the property tax at home.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I support the DeCamp amendment. I think that some of the things that Senator Murphy said I disagree with because of the fact that those school districts are still going to be under 285 which is not exactly seven percent, but it's close to it, and this is one way that we can keep the property tax from skyrocketing and at least help cushion the effect of reappraisal and some of the other things that are happening. If we don't put in some state aid to education and probably in some of our other funding, we are again putting it on the property tax, because the way 285 is written now there will be some things that can go over the seven percent. If there isn't any extra state aid money coming in, there's only one place they can go and that's on property tax. I think it's a good time. I don't think that the economy is going to crash in Nebraska as we heard this morning, and I think that ten million dollars can come out of there without even