

and understanding that the legislature wants to put a limit on the amount of money that a subdivision of government can go up above its total budget, the total, and if that's 7%, I want to make certain that the property taxes can never go above 7% unless the people vote on it. Now, as it sits right now we can increase the property taxes if 50% of your budget comes from property tax and 50% from state and other sources of revenue and the state and other sources of revenue do not increase but the total budget goes up 7% that means that the property taxes are going to go up 14%. Now when we started a lid bill about six years ago the lid bill was on property taxes and property taxes alone. There was Senator Carsten and the committee this year that decided the lid bill should be on the total budget. That is fine with me. They passed the bill and I agree with that. Let it go. But, lets be honest with the people of this state. Lets say that we are not going to collect the total amount of money that any subdivision wants to collect off of your property taxes. Did you know that if this bill goes through as it is now without this amendment of mine, did you know that a subdivision of government that is taxing you and 50% of it comes from the sales and income tax and 50% from property did you know that you can have a thousand dollars on your house last year and this year by living under the lid bill as it is presently written you can have a \$1,140 and still be under the lid bill. You can even have more than that with all of the loopholes that are written into it. All that I ask you to do is to make certain that the people of this state are not going to be taxed out of their houses, out of their farms, out of their business, you are not going to take it away from them. This year we didn't put any money in the subdivisions of government's fund except that which was allocated by law. We haven't added one cent to the cost of operating the schools, the SID's, the county, the town, we have added no money to that because they are going up just as much as any are but we haven't put any money in. So, I can tell you the property taxes across this state are going to go up 107% with the lid bill on the total budget, plus at least 7% and maybe 8%. It wouldn't surprise me a bit to see a lot of peoples property taxes go to 120 or 30% more than they were last year. I ask you to accept this amendment so that the people of this state are protected on their property. We can not consistently tax them out of their homes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Keyes amendment to the bill. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Keyes amendment to 479. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted?