

May 15, 1979

LB 363

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The motion before the House is, shall debate cease? Shall debate cease is the issue before the Legislature. Record. No, hold it. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. Senator Koch, do you have any other comments on your amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Well, in order to alleviate any concern some of you may have, let me remind you that Western presently is at two mills, and there is no doubt about it that they can levy their two mills and they're not going to be able to get their seven percent under 285. As far as I'm concerned, and the record indicates here...for instance North-east is presently levying 1.15 mill for operation. So you see that they're going to get their seven percent very easily out of 285. Southeast is 1.35. They're way below. Metro is 1.40. They certainly wouldn't qualify. Central has no problems as far as their ability to raise them under seven percent, and Mid Plains I understand would also be able to raise their money under 2 mills of operations under seven percent of 285. The only one that still is in trouble is Western and they're already at 2 mills and they're going to get about 3.5 percent of their seven percent, and this will give them that privilege if the Board of Governors wants to exercise it. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak to the...no, I'm sorry, debate is ceased. I beg your pardon. All those in favor of the Koch amendment to LB 363 vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We're voting on the Koch amendment to LB 363 as explained. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you want to move the bill?