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Mid Plains? Would they be under this...

SENATOR KOCH: I understand and the latest information I have is Mid Plains will be able to get their seven percent without trying to resort to this type of possibility.

SENATOR LAMB: So, in effect then the...

SENATOR KOCH: Mid Plains is 1.98 right now, and I understand that they feel they can get their seven percent by going to two and staying there.

SENATOR LAMB: But if they couldn't then they would be empowered to go over the....

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Lamb, I mentioned that the other day. The only other one would be possibly Mid Plains. That's the only other one. The others do not follow this at all.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I'd like a question of Senator Koch. Do they have to get to the seven percent? Is that it?

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Senator Duis, we adopted LB 285. We're saying that a subdivision of government is entitled to seven percent. Western as you know has had a very difficult time. Last year under 803 this body appropriated directly to Western \$218,000 to help them with their financial problems.

SENATOR DUIS: No, no, let me interrupt please. All I wanted to do was ask a question. The seven percent I thought was the maximum and not the minimum, but in your remarks you kept saying it will let them get up to the seven percent.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, if the Board decides they don't need to go that full seven percent that's their decision, but if they find then they can't get the percent and they cannot meet their general operating budget, that Board of Governors by two-thirds vote could exceed two mills. We're talking specifically really to Western. But it would take two-thirds vote of that Board of Governors to do it. It's