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I would also like to thank Senator Carsten, the Chairman of the Revenue Committee, for his help in this regard and others who talked to the Governor and I would hope that those people who have been supportive of the proposals to increase the credit higher would realize that this financially is about as good as we can do this year and that we ought to work hard in the future to keep that credit where it ought to be. The \$28 seems to be as far as we can justify going at this time. With that, I would like to give the remainder of my time to Senator Maresh to further explain where we are at.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I won't take up a lot of time. That is probably the reason why I was willing to compromise, to close down on this debate that we have had over this issue for a number of days. I think that \$28 is a reasonable amount and we should get together and get this bill advanced, and if you want to do any more amending, I would say let's do it on Select File. I was concerned chiefly because we had no increase for 1979. By raising this to \$28 we are sort of compensating for what we didn't do last year. So I hope we can act together and get this bill amended to \$28 and advanced to Select File, to E & R Initial and then to Select File. If you have any concerns about amending it further, I hope that you can hold these off until Select File.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I was thoroughly convinced by the debate the other day that \$26 was the figure so I am a little bit mystified by the change in heart. It seems to me that if \$26 was the proper figure last week, it is still the proper figure.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. That wasn't a question, was it? I didn't consider that a question. Go ahead, Senator Keyes. No, I was talking to Senator Lamb. Go ahead, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I was going to say I haven't talked yet but I was going to question Senator Warner and then I believe we understand the Governor of the state says that he is going to keep the expenses of the State of Nebraska within the seven percent. Basically I want to do exactly that. Now seven percent increase in the appropriation or the amount of money that we are going to credit back to the