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just like to bring this out in the debate this morning before we advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, is there any further close, Senator Maresh? The question, all those in favor then of adopting the Maresh amendment as amended vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes. The Maresh amendment is adopted. Senator Maresh, what do you wish to do? Other amendment, all right, amendments on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Keyes and Marsh have two separate amendments pending but I understand they wish to withdraw those.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes withdraws his motion. It is withdrawn. Senator Marsh, you withdraw your amendment? It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Keyes now moves to amend and his amendment is found on page 122 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, before I recognize you, the Chair would like to introduce on behalf of Senator Cullen Judge Krites from Chadron and Mr. Michael Smith, the County Attorney from Sheridan County. They are sitting here under the South balcony. Would those gentlemen stand up and be recognized and welcome to the Legislature, Judge and Mr. Smith. Now, Senator Keyes, are you ready to proceed on your amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, if the Senators will listen and pay attention, all this amendment does is leaves the sales tax on food, the credit, at \$20. You say, isn't that terrible. No. That simply means that we will keep our budget within what we are allowed to spend, the seven percent, but it also says that there will be for this year, and this year only, a \$20 credit. \$20 back to the individual, remembering that today there is over \$70 million above the normal carryover in the general fund and if we do like Governor Thone is proposing to do and Senator Maresh and some of the others, we will spend forty percent more on this...we will spend that money and obligate ourselves not only this year but we will obligate ourselves next year

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