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I have talked to hundreds and hundreds of people from every end of this state, every place, and everyone says, Orval, if we have collected that much money more than we need, for goodness sakes, get it back into the hands of the people. I am offering you an opportunity to do that. If you don't do it this way, you will do exactly as Governor Thone has said, he is going to give a forty percent increase in this spending budget, how much more has he got on other subdivisions of government that he is going to give, twenty, thirty, forty and he comes along in his budget and says it is going to be seven percent. In his inaugural or state of the state message he says we are going to hold it at seven percent and the very first bill that comes out he increases it to forty percent. I tell you my friends give this money back to the people, honestly, fairly, squarely. It is here. We don't have to go out and collect it. It is already in the kitty and we are able to meet all of our obligations. We won't be able to meet them all if the Governor comes along and says I am going to hold the budget at seven percent in his state of the state message but comes out in the very first one and increases it forty percent. Either we have the Governor tell us what he is going to do and stick with it or else we spend and spend and spend and I, for one, am not going to spend and spend and spend. We can give this money back to the people. They have paid it in this year. They deserve to have it back. That is what this amendment will do. I hope you vote to do what is right by the people of this state instead of what is right by a few Senators that go and sit in the Governor's office and decide that forty percent is how much we shall increase it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is: the adoption of the Keyes amendment to LB 44. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 28 nays on the motion to adopt, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. The amendment is not adopted. Are there any further amendments on the desk?

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

PRESIDENT: Before we vote on the bill, The Chair would like to take this pleasure to introduce a former colleague of ours in the Legislature, former Senator Fred Carstens from Beatrice. Fred, would you stand? He is under the North balcony. Fred, stand up and be recognized. Hi, Fred. Welcome back. Any further discussion now then on the advancement of the bill. Senator Newell, did you wish to....all right,

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