

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my amendment is relatively simple. It simply returns to the constitutional form of representative government that was set up approximately two hundred and one years ago, three years ago, whatever it is. Representative government means people run for office like you people. Then the people vote on those people, school boards, legislatures. Those people, once they are elected are given certain duties under the statutes, under the laws and under the constitution. One of those duties includes the duty to write a budget, to argue about it, then to agree among themselves and then to implement it. With the passage of LB 2 we completely reversed the system of representative government. LB 2 works something like this. LB 2 says, I, John or Joe or Bill or Frank, a group of us get together, we write a budget, we write our own budget and we can write a negative 10% budget or we can write anything we want and then by getting a few signatures on a piece of paper the whole public has to vote on our budget even though the public under representative government have elected a group to write a budget. My amendment repeals LB 2.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the DeCamp amendment to the Keyes amendment. Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment to the Keyes amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I do. I would like first of all to preface my remarks with the remarks of Senator Burrows and his justification for exempting certain kinds of subdivisions of government because of the fact that their budgeting process sometimes does not use good vision or foresight so they find themselves in emergency situations occasionally because they are so prudent. The second thing Senator Burrows said in his proposal in the amendment that we were speaking to a moment ago is that in those smaller communities we know all those elected officials and we know that they are fiscally responsible so therefore we need not really worry about exempting certain kinds of subdivisions. I remind you that I live in a large metropolitan area. I know the county commissioners of Douglas, I know them of Sarpy, I know the councilmen of most of the cities of that community, I know the board members of those larger school systems and I know them personally. There isn't one of them that I can't call and talk to. Going back to Senator DeCamp, the original proposition of this nation was that we believe in representative government. We've gone a long ways from it recently. Therefore, if we are going to start talking about exemptions and lids and some would be free and some would not, then I suggest that we go back to our previous position that we do away with every lid because there is nothing very equal about a limitation under any circumstances and here is the first