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California did on any major tax reform legislation. We need property tax reform and the threat of a lid coming with a strangulation measure upon this Legislature is real...the threat that the voters will pass a 1% lid and then follow it in the same constitutional amendment with a super majority of four-fifths of the legislative body voting for a major tax reform issue. This is a real threat before this state. I do not want to see this state take unreasonable positions that will invite constitutional lids that will strangle this legislature if we have to deal with major tax reforms this session or the next session or the one after that. They are coming. Our economy is in serious trouble and we are going to have to make actions with this Legislature. I appeal to the body to pass these exemptions. The one part of this bill deals with Metro of Omaha which is under a serious crisis because of the energy crunch, the high cost of gasoline and under rapid expansion, the other with the extremely small rural subdivisions that are having all kinds of trouble and roads that are not passable. I ask the body to stay with the bill as drafted and vote down the DeCamp amendment and then the Keyes amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George and then Senator Simon.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I have to speak against the DeCamp amendment. I still do think that we have to clean up LB 2. There are two bills introduced. They are both in the Revenue Committee and I am quite confident that we can repair the damage there without going to that extreme as Senator DeCamp has proposed. I would like to see the Keyes amendment passed without the DeCamp amendment for the simple reason that with all the lids that we have proposed people know that their property tax has gone up. The lid belongs on the property tax. It does not belong on the local subdivisions and we have a chance here to correct it, then wait for the Revenue Committee to come up with a proposal how to put a lid on the property tax. I do support the Keyes amendment and I hope we can do it without the DeCamp amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I bring in a simple bill, little MAT bus bill, got a poor little district, very unique, the only one of its type, noncontroversial bill, forty-nine to nothing, and all of a sudden we've got these major amendments on it. We are going to repeal LB 2, going to repeal the lid. I guess you might say this bill, Senator DeCamp, is kind of a vehicle from a larger scale. Unlike some other amendments which greatly change bills as the introducer, I guess, now of LB 613, I rise to support Senator DeCamp and subsequently Senator Keyes and let me just give another example and this bill is held right now in committee but it is a little, another