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we are going to have a lid or remove it this session. I would suggest that we vote on those issues based on the concept of the total lid, what is good for the citizens of Nebraska, what is good for the citizens of Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, the school district of Ohioa, Senator Burrows' district and any other district. Either lids are good or they are bad. Either they are flexible or they are inflexible. They can't be all things to all people.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I rise to support the DeCamp amendment in good conscience and with a consistent vote. I have had placed on your desk the votes in that productive special session of '78 which a number of us participated in and how you voted. I am also having reproduced the same issue vote in the regular session when more than a majority voted for it. The issue that has become with the lids of those in and those out as I enjoyed Senator Burrows' remarks, that cities can live under lids but certainly rural areas can't reminds me of the time that four or five of us on the Retirement Committee developed the greatest concept that I had ever heard of. We decided to pass a uniform retirement bill, treating all employees the same and we spent considerable amount of time developing this concept of a unified equal retirement system. The committee spent an entire summer working on it. Then we had the public hearing. The University came before the committee and said, God, what a great job this committee has done. We applaud and laud your efforts but because of our uniqueness we cannot fit into this program so we prefer to be opt out but the concept is solid. Next came the judges. They said what a great committee. What a splendid idea. How clever of you to come up with a unified system, however, you know the uniqueness of judges and we prefer to opt out but the concept is solid. Then the state patrol came forward. They said what a marvelous committee and we appreciate your indepth study but you see because of the uniqueness of the patrol we can't be there, but what a solid concept. We went through almost everyone and the only ones left were the teachers and they would say, we would take anything. Everyone that stood on the floor and said, we need lids, we have to live within these limits, now let's not make that apply to the NRDs and let's not make that apply to the small school systems. Now if we are going to have a lodging tax, let's make sure it is out too and let's not make sure it applies to this. That is a bigger sham, that is a bigger hoax, that is a bigger shell game than if you simply said yes or no, if you simply said yes or no. Now there are those that are claiming victory because of a decisive legislative action in terms of the petition drive and the constitutional amendment. I refute that. I would