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and LB 518 is representative of a trend around the country, a national phenomena where property tax relief granted to a few business and corporate interests have shifted the remaining tax load onto the property tax payer in the large metropolitan areas and now we are reaping the benefits of those very unfortunate decisions and I think our response here ought to be not to continue to exempt and exempt and exempt as we have all these bills that come across the floor that do which further load up...(interruption)

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...the one less burden on the property tax holder in places like Douglas County but instead bring about fundamental property tax reform that is going to shift the burden back on the shoulders of everyone. Now we also I don't think can underemphasize the consequences of the lid. This is an exceedingly important issue to Omaha. It is going to have disastrous consequences if we go through yet another year of a 15% budget cut and I urge you to vote against Senator Burrows' amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Amendment on the desk. The Clerk will read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kelly moves to amend the Burrows' amendment by striking "two years" and inserting "three years".

SENATOR CLARK: Whose is that, Stoney?

CLERK: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Nebraska Legislature, I hear the objection of two years and I heard a reference to a longer period by Senator Newell which I believe he was objecting to a longer period but I didn't get that quite clear but I offer this amendment based basically I think upon the position of Senator Koch which would be local control when he and Senator Warner introduced LB 2 a couple years ago in the special session to give the local people a chance to control their own destiny in setting their government's expenses. In this case it happens to be a school district. Now in LB 2 it allows a lid by election to be placed on the budget of a political subdivision and further it allows a placement of a lid in replacement of the lid that was placed on the budget by the taxpayers or voters in that district. The people in Omaha right now can change that lid anytime. They

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