

merely petition and put it on the ballot and raise the lid to 15%, 20%, 30%, whatever amount they want to. The ingenious idea given to the Omaha school district by Senator Koch and Senator Warner was appreciated in that desperate time of the special session and the records are full of accolades from Senator Koch that this was a necessary thing to get people and government together at the local level and it does that and it still does it and those people that want to raise it just petition it on the ballot and it will be raised. If we leave this as an annual proposition as it would be proposed in the bill we very effectively have put the budget process in the hands of the electorate and taken it away from the elected representatives in that particular political subdivision. I do not like to see elected officials supervised on every budget that they make and that is exactly what 627 would do as far as the time element on the lid that is set. I believe, Senator Koch, in local government the same as you do and I believe strongly in representative government as you do. Therefore I am offering this three year limitation on elections to give those local officials and those local representation people a chance to work without being supervised the next year by another set of rules either with a higher lid or a lower lid because as it is now we can change that every year as we do under 627 up or down and that is exactly the way it is going to be if 627 doesn't pass with some type of restriction on how often we can have an election. I move the adoption of my amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Kelly, I have already apologized for my error in that special session and I am not going to do it again. You don't listen very well. You don't listen well either when you try to quote me. I am not asking for three years and I said I would not compromise. I am not going to compromise at two and certainly I am not going to take three. In fact, you confuse me when you talk about local control in looking over their shoulder all the time. If we really espouse that we would repeal the whole mess and let those elected take care of certain kinds of subdivisions of government and be responsible for its budget totally without us sitting here in all of our wisdom trying to impose artificial Band-Aids for very very complex problems. Those people who serve those governments at local levels can't control the oil market. They can't control utilities. They can't control a lot of things. They are just victimized by it.