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amendment to extend it to three years simply goes too far. From the economic point of view I already don't like the box that I am in with two years because as you know, interest is marching towards 20%. The inflation is marching toward 20% and to ask any local governments district to wait for three years on a zero lid in these times is a practical impossibility. So I think the best way to come to some kind of a compromise to get out of this mess would be to accept the original or number two amendment of Senator Burrows but I most certainly would be opposed to Senator Kelly's amendment to wait for three years with the economy as it goes now. That would be just surely... would be just certainly impossible. So I urge you to vote against the Kelly amendment and then accept Senator Burrows' amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, do you wish to speak to the Kelly amendment?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I believe we are talking here this afternoon about the zero based budget of two governmental subdivisions in the State of Nebraska that one of which is in my district. Being a land owner and a taxpayer I certainly am concerned about the increase in expenditures and would hope that they could be curtailed but I would suggest that if the voters by a vote of the people say to any governmental subdivision, for one year we are really going to look over your shoulder and see what you have done and what you are going to do is warning enough to that body to be conscious of those that pay for their salaries. I don't think that it is necessarily aimed at schools. While they were the most vulnerable at this point I think government spending, period, was the target. I think that it has been a serious warning to all of us who serve in a governmental capacity regardless of what that position may be. I would also suggest to you that in the event we don't do something in this area, one way or the other and hopefully it is somewhere in the middle, that we do act. We may very well be suffering statewide a consequence that we will be living with and contending with for some time down the road. I personally am opposed to more than one year, either Senator Kelly's or Senator Burrows' amendments. I think one year with a zero base is really punishment enough. When that governmental entity has to come in the next year with a now imposed 7% they are going to be curtailed to a tremendous degree. I would certainly be in opposition to Senator Kelly's amendment or to Senator Burrows' amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you wish to speak to the Kelly amendment?