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functioning is the power to destroy that operation. I think that Senator Kelly's amendment is very poor and I am opposed to it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you want to speak to the Kelly amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I have been sitting here listening to the debate. I have been wondering whether there is a senator that is not involved in the lid situation as it exists in Omaha and Nebraska City. In fact in my school district they just voted to build a new school house, school building. They are also cutting down on their budget in the other parts of the departments so I don't know just exactly how that is going to work out. As those of you know that were in the Legislature when I came in, I have never been an advocate of the lid. When we first brought it up, and I believe it was LB 899 when Governor Exon, now Senator Exon was pushing it, we killed the bill but the people did come back and threatened at least to put a 5% lid on so we passed 285 or LB 2 I guess it was in the special session. But I just cannot, I have a feeling for those children in Omaha and Nebraska City and where these lids are so tight. We're having a terrible time with the 7%. We are asking these people to exist with a zero lid and whether you believe in people having a vote on the issue or on any issue or all the issues or whether we have a republic or a democracy, I don't know whether it really makes any difference. I think we have to figure out what is best and I would rather not even be involved with the problems in Omaha. I wish they would go away but they are not going to. So as a citizen of Nebraska and as a member of the Nebraska Legislature, I feel it my responsibility to take a stand. I know that many of the Omaha senators are going to take a stand on some of the issues that I am very interested in and they may not always be on the same side but I feel the responsibility that I need to get involved now and what happens to the children of the State of Nebraska and I believe the lid was voted in in haste and I believe it wasn't very well explained to those that signed those petitions as to what it would really do. I wonder how many of us could go out on the street with a petition especially among our friends and get the signatures quite easily without them knowing very much about what they were signing and I think this is what has happened in Omaha. So I oppose the Kelly and the Burrows amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler and then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, just a brief comment.

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