

closing, Mr. Speaker, would be a question of Senator Koch and that question would be, can a local political subdivision governing board put the issue of lid on the ballot and how would they do it?

SENATOR KOCH: By a resolution of the board.

SENATOR KELLY: The answer is quick, simple and to the point. The representatives in the political subdivision, the board of directors, the local board, by local resolution or by board resolution on the local ballot can raise, abandon, change, amend any lid that is in place in Nebraska now. Example, the school board in Omaha by resolution can place the issue of lid on the ballot in Omaha at 25%, 30%, 15, 10, whatever it is they believe that they need and get a reading of what the citizens of Omaha want in their representative capacity of representing those people. Certainly this is realistic if we are interested in local control of government. I would state for the record, there has been lids on school districts ever since we have had school districts and we have yet to have any type of a spending lid on the school systems in Nebraska be successful. As we would have limitations prior to now when the expenses to educate our children went beyond that lid, we've always changed the lid and there is no doubt that we will again now and in the future. The point here is, we are in desperate times. Runaway inflation, runaway government budgets, taxes going through the roof and the people are clamoring for action. They are using the initiative petition at the local level to send the message far and wide, stop it, stop it, stop it. Senator Johnson's remarks continually stated that this position was correct, that that position was incorrect but those are just his opinions because the final grade is not in yet on the various situations and the basis of his talk was that the zero lid in Omaha was a disaster and ruining the school district. Yet the Omaha School Board does not come forward with a 15% lid or an 18% lid, whatever they need and, Senator Johnson, the zero lid is not the question here. The question is, how often are we going to vote on the lid. That is the question, not whether it exists or not how much it is, whether it is zero or 30%, it is how often are we going to vote on it. Now Senator Kahle refers to the fact that the electorate is not informed at the time they are signing petitions to put the spending lid on political subdivisions and, Senator Kahle, in your district that may be true. In my district believe you me, they know what is going on but even though they should not, in your district know what is going on when they sign the petition, at the