

chance, each of us, to debate it. I don't very often get riled up but I am a little bit riled right now because I think we have been short-changed in this whole deal and if we are going to have state aid, let's face it. Let's don't beat around the bush and try to tell our people we are helping them when we are not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker, Chairman Lewis announces the Executive Board will meet at eleven thirty for referencing study resolutions, Room 2102 for Exec Board at eleven thirty. The Chair recognizes Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I am in full support of the Vickers amendment. I want to repeat what I just said a few minutes ago when we discussed the Warner and Keyes amendments. If we ever have the \$32,000,000, we don't know yet, and if it is constitutional, we would possibly be able to cut maybe 6% of the maximum 7% lid that schools have and therefore the only thing with the Warner amendment that we could guarantee would possibly be simply to prevent a further increase in property tax. We have all received a lot of letters from our people back home. The property tax has become oppressive. It is simply too much and we have to spend more than the amount of money in the Warner amendment if we really want to guarantee a decrease in that property tax. I have told you that before in hearings with the Revenue Committee or I had a lid bill on property tax which for the second year didn't come out. If we don't do it now, either we are going to be in special session this summer and I don't want to be in special session, or the people will simply put that question on the ballot and they will decide financial issues by just making an X mark and as we know from previous experience that is not really what we want. Here is the chance to guarantee the people that we will definitely have a decrease in property tax and therefore, I would urge you to vote for the Vickers amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson, is he here? Here he is. Yes, Senator Johnson. Waiver? Oh, all right, so you are not speaking. All right we will go on to Senator Newell. Senator Newell, it looks like he is waiving his right to speak, too. He is not present, so, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to speak briefly to this amendment. Certainly we need property tax relief. I think we will all