

agree to that but how do we accomplish this? Do we use extra money from the sales and income tax for state aid to schools? Do we increase the personal property tax relief fund or just how do we do this? I think we have tossed this around the Revenue Committee for many days and we just haven't come up with a clear cut solution yet but I know we have to do something. This amendment of course would trigger up probably a half a percent sales tax and a three or four percent income tax increase and do we want to face this this year? I think these are some of the questions we have to ask ourselves and I think we will have to come up with that answer in the near future.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and colleagues, I've got a lot of experience with state aid to education questions because I have been on about every side of the question, underneath it, over it and around it that you can be. Just to go back through where we have been with state aid. Senator Warner passed a bill back in '73 and '74 and it was referendum. I ran for election to the Legislature first in 1972 and campaigned on massive amounts of money for state aid to schools and was elected, supported Senator Warner's efforts all the way through in the early days of my legislative career until the people in my district voted two to one against my position. As Senator Keyes pointed out to his colleagues that he was excellent at arithmetic, I was excellent at reading. I could understand what the people said very well and up until late in or middle of 1979 I opposed state aid to education bills and I opposed them on the basis that the citizens of Nebraska didn't want them. I felt very comfortable in that position and those who hold it still should be very comfortable in that position but 1979 is a change in this country. It is a change in this state and we might just as well understand inflation, stagflation, economic problems, all of these things have made us panicky and jittery to the point where we are trying everything we can to hold down the cost of government so that families can survive these economic problems. My decision has been to support massive aid to schools in Nebraska and then see if I can perform the leadership necessary in my district to get the taxpayers that are paying the property taxes to support those ideas for reduction in local property taxes. For those people that want improvements in the school system to support my position on the basis that truly the schools will soon be hurting if not already hurting but any institution or any large machine which our