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item are already in LB 627 which has been advanced, that one minor change can be made on Select File. I would ask that you support rejection of the amendments so that we can consider the bill as it was introduced. I should also say that there is a possibility that those who are proponents of LB 627, there is just an outside chance that that bill might not be successful, and if that is the case, I think if we make the change here so that there is equity for those individuals that are proponents of lifting that lid, if they attempted to do so through initiative petition, it would be no more difficult for them to accomplish that than it was for those who imposed that lid. So for these reasons, I would request that you reject the committee amendments and that we consider LB 609 as it was introduced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Lamb, your amendment is to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am having it circulated. I don't think it has been printed yet but all it is is it makes it a two year lid, two year lid, and I don't want to spend a lot of time on it. I know this has been discussed when we discussed LB 627. This amendment will just merely amend the committee amendments to provide for a two year lid instead of a one year lid.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any other discussion on the Lamb amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Stoney and then Senator Carsten. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, a question to Senator Lamb if he would respond please. Senator Lamb, with your amendment, would that preclude those individuals, let's say a budget limitation were imposed, at the end of one year if there were sufficient numbers that felt that that limitation should be lifted, would that preclude those individuals an opportunity through the initiative process to impact on that second annual budget?

SENATOR LAMB: No, Senator Stoney, my intention is to let the people vote if that is the intention, if that is what they would like to do. If they would like to vote through the initiative process and then have an election to lift the lid, that would still be possible. This is a compromise between the present situation where it is an indefinite lid unless it is voted off or the LB 627 and this bill as it is now written which would be a one year lid.