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SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Lamb.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have to rise and oppose Senator Lamb's motion to insert two years instead of one. I live in a district that has a school that has this year operated under a zero based lid and grant you the opportunity is there for the removal of that lid by a resolution. Now we all know that elections cost money and everytime you have an election there is an additional cost to somebody. Now if the cost is prohibitive in the eyes of those that would be wishing to institute it, then they have to suffer the consequences for another two years, and in the face of that in the one school district that I have, there have already been notices sent to thirty-five teachers that they may or may not be offered a contract for the next year. Now in addition to that, there is going to have to be without question some additional programs to be cut. Now maybe some of those additional cut programs are justified but many of them will not be in my opinion and it will be a detriment to the children of that district. When we impose a one year lid, Senator Lamb, and they come off with a one year self-destruct lid and face the next year with a seven percent lid, they really are curtailed tremendously in itself, and even though there are those that say seven percent has got holes that you can drive trucks through, I challenge that, and if you don't believe that, ask a school district that even would try to come back the second year with a seven percent lid. I am opposed to your amendment, Senator Lamb. I think the one year gives due notice that the taxpayer is looking over somebody's shoulder and that they have to be attentive to that message and will act accordingly. I oppose the Lamb amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Does anybody else wish to speak on Senator Lamb's amendment to the committee amendments? If not, we will take a vote on that first. All those in favor of the Lamb amendment...Senator Lamb, do you have any closing? Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Lamb amendments to the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: A Call of the House, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed