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and ninety-eight thousand dollars. If you mean to tell me that the people in the body here have the nerve to come out and tell my county that you have to live within seven percent, to tell my school district that you have to live within seven percent and we can't keep within twenty percent, we can't keep within twenty percent on the floor of this Legislature, who are we fooling? We can't fool the people forever. There ain't a man and a woman in this Legislature that will vote to maintain a seven percent continually across this board. If we were to do that, we probably wouldn't come home. The people would stand on the other side of the double doors back there, why you would have one of the darndest campaigns you ever seen going against you if you tried to do that. So what I am telling you, my friends, is to cancel the lid bill, cancel out the hoax that we have put on the people of this state. We don't believe in it. The Governor don't believe in it. Why do you ask my county commissioners to believe in it? Why do you ask my school board to live with it? Why? I don't know why. It started out as a good intention. It started out to limit property taxes to seven percent. Today you have completely eliminated that from the bill. I ask you to accept the amendments I have offered to the bill and pass the bill and then you can go home and tell the people at home that they have the right, we respect their honor, we respect the intelligence of the people that are elected by the people. We respect them and do not come in here and make a farce of ourselves in cutting taxes. We don't cut them. We are increasing them far more than seven percent. I ask you to pass this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

SENATOR CLARK: You call the question. Do I see five hands? I see one.

SENATOR KOCH: In that case, Mr. Chairman, I will speak. I don't want to pass it up.

SENATOR CLARK: Go ahead and speak.

SENATOR KOCH: Obviously, we have a lot of time this afternoon. We have 627 on Select File. It has been there for two weeks and it deals with the same subject matter and my information was today that Senator Carsten would make some remarks about 609 and then we would move on but, obviously, we are going to color our eggs a little sooner