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friend Senator Keyes and I have said this more than once on the floor of this Legislature. Do you want to turn me on? I meant the microphone.

SENATOR CLARK: Do we have you on too loud?

SENATOR LEWIS: No, probably the Speaker but not me. Mr. President, here is what has exactly happened and I think the seven percent hoax ought to be revealed now and Senator Keyes said it. We are talking about a seven or eight percent increase in the budget. All of us like to talk about how much aid we give to local subdivisions. The recommendation excluding the state aid that is in there now, which I don't think is the firmest thing I have ever seen, is one point five percent going back to the locals. Well, if you take one point five percent of half the money and the increase is seven percent, guess what the other is? Guess what the other is? Somewhere close to a fourteen or fifteen percent. I want to read you what we have increased at this state with our consciousness of keeping the lid on. We have increased, and this is general fund money only, the Commission on Aging, ninety-three percent; the State Board of Agriculture, nine percent; the Nebraska Art Council, twenty-one point one percent; the Auditor of Public Accounts, fourteen point five percent; the Department of Correction Services, ten point five percent; the Crime Victims Board, seventy-nine point one percent; the District Courts, eight point six; the Department of Economic Development, eight point seven; Education Television Commission, thirty point four point three percent; Equal Opportunity Commission, nine point four percent; Game and Parks Commission, twenty-one point one percent; the Governor, nine point one percent; the Commission on the Hearing Impaired, seventeen point three percent; the State Historical Society, twenty-five point eight percent; the Legislative Council, and we are in there too, thirteen point five; the Nebraska Library Commission, seventeen point two; the Liquor Commission, nine point eight; the Mexican-American Commission, nine point two; the Department of Motor Vehicles, ten point eight; the Board of Pardons, ten point eight, six, three; the Department of Personnel, fourteen point eight, four, 0; the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, twelve point one percent; the Public Service Commission, eight point zero; the Secretary of State's Office, fourteen point nine; the State Colleges, ten point nine; the Nebraska State Patrol, thirteen point three; the Commission on the Status of Women, twenty-two point four; the Supreme Court, ten point eight; the University of Nebraska, twelve point seven, one, eight; the Department of Veteran