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the bill would be passed over and retain its place on... retain its place, period. Are you ready to vote? Okay, what is the point?

SENATOR JOHNSON: My point is this, under the rules and I can't find it. My recollection is, unless somebody can find it and correct it, that the amendment still takes priority over a motion to pass over.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Find it in the book. Senator Warner, do you have a comment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, I was trying to help us move on, Mr. President. We are going to spend more time trying to move on than moving on, so I will withdraw the motion, call for the question, and that is as far as I can go. I have another comment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Johnson amendment. Does anybody else wish to speak on that? Senator Koch, your light was on. Do you wish to speak? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, Senator Johnson, the television tube at my place has been full of Sarpy County farmers this week and what you are suggesting is to build a fire under those people and send them out petitioning again to alter the Constitution by devoiding ourselves of the promises that the educators made for us that we would, by statute, take action on limitations. Now you strike down that limitation in the face of what is happening statewide, it is not just happening in Sarpy County, it is happening statewide, and I can guarantee you enough petitions to sink this place and I am just hopeful that they won't be subsection 6 of Article 3 of the Constitution which provides there shall be not more than 50 nor less than 30 senators in this place because we could all be gone with the next petition.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Senator Murphy, I live in Sarpy County where there is over a thousand people objecting to taxes and let me tell you, Senator Murphy, when this body here will impose upon the people a 7% lid, and then not live within that lid itself, I think it is hypocrisy. It is time the people of this Legislature either understand what they are doing or get out of the picture. Sunday, last Sunday was the Hosanna day. That is the day that said save me, save me, save me. All I am telling you today

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