

supporting the issues that I believe in. I often get causes that are lost from the beginning but we all today are faced with a similar situation. Are we going to abdicate our responsibilities and submit an obligation of ours to a popularity contest to be decided by people who don't even understand the issues? When they take out of the air the figure 7%, 7% of what? It doesn't make any difference. 7 is magic. You could have done like they do in crap games, I understand, and said 11 after 7 and they would have taken that, too, and then somebody else would say, well, why not add them both together and get 18 because if you add the one and the eight you get 9 and any combination of 9s will always be 9 and we can wind up playing numbers and it makes as much sense as what we have done here so far with these so-called lid propositions. I am strongly in favor of Senator Johnson's amendment. I have a similar one pending on LB 627. I think once and for all we ought to erase the mistake that was made with that first bill known as LB 2. I support Senator Johnson's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support Senator Johnson. A lot of rhetoric here this afternoon, a lot of political scientists obviously but they haven't read the Constitution very carefully. There is no place where it says in the Constitution that we have to guarantee the people a vote on every subject. What we do have, Senator Keyes, is a republican representative government. That is a fact and that is the way we ought to run business and I agree with Senator Chambers. I have never said the voters were absolutely uninformed but they don't take the time many times to be informed through research. They vote on tax issues based upon emotion. None of us like taxes. You know that. As I look at some reports coming in today, the IRS is saying that Americans who once were most candid in reporting their income today are generally being a little bit deceptive. Now that is some way a revolt against taxing. Same people who do not want to pay taxes call me and want certain kinds of improvements made. It was that way on the City Council of Ralston. It is that way in the state government of Nebraska. You ask them to cut. They will cut somebody but not them and they talk about budgetmaking. We talked about bankruptcy the other day. Now if some of these same people were so successful in budgetmaking, they would not have bankruptcy but they will vote on an issue of tax and budgets. I don't think that we should allow local subdivisions of government to take the pressure of an emotional group of people. Senator Murphy is worried about the thousand farmers down in Sarpy County, Well,