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those particular subdivisions, and I am specifically referring to OPS and also Nebraska City...would this preclude them, that governing board, at the end of a year with the imposed lid, placing that before the voters for a vote?

SENATOR LAMB: No, it would not, Senator Stoney. It would... there is a provision that I may read here that says....it does, it allows the same provision that after the first year they could vote on it.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the amendment that Senator Lamb offers I think is a sensible one. It allows us to maintain the integrity and credibility of this body when we adopted LB 2 in the Special Session of 1978. Now, I, for one, feel that it is absurd to think that any subdivision of government can continue with a zero base limitation, but I also feel that this issue is two pronged, that being not only budget limitations but that of initiative petition also. It will allow, as Senator Lamb confirmed in my questioning, the school boards of the Omaha Public School District and also Nebraska City by a majority vote those boards to place this issue before the voters so that they could act in removing the imposition of this particular lid. Now I circulated earlier when we discussed this particular issue copies of polls that had been taken in the Omaha area relative to this issue, one that was taken in July of 1979 prior to the imposition of the lid, at which time a majority of those that were polled were in favor of placing a zero base, or a zero limitation on the Omaha Public School budget. Additionally, the poll that was taken in January of 1980 showed that there had been a one hundred and eighty degree turn on this particular subject. Those polled indicated that they would favor lifting the limitation presently imposed on the Omaha Public School District. So, ladies and gentlemen, if you care at all about maintaining the integrity of this body and what we accomplish with the passage of LB 2 and consider the individuals that worked through the initiative process to have this limitation imposed, if you think that those individuals should have an opportunity to impact on this final decision, I would ask that you support Senator Lamb's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator DeCamp passed. Did you pass? Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. Speaker, I wasn't sure the days that this bill was advanced and amended, and I am going to