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SPEAKER MARVEL: No. The absentees are Senator Barrett, Senator George, Senator Pirsch, Senator Kelly, Senator Dworak and Senator Chambers. Have you all recorded your presence? Two, four, six. Senator Wesely, Senator Nichol, Senator Lewis, Senator Schmit, Senator Newell. Ray, Senator Newell. Do you want to proceed with the roll call? Excuse me. We are going to call the roll. Roll call vote. The vote is the adoption of the Lamb amendment to the Koch amendment.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 1777 and 1778 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Okay, the vote now is on the adoption of the Koch amendment. Senator Koch, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I need not close. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like an opportunity to at least talk on the amendments, and I did have my light on. I didn't want to talk on the amendments to the amendments but I did not turn my light off. I would hope you would recognize me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I hate to oppose my good friend and colleague, Senator Koch. I hate to oppose the Governor of the State of Nebraska. But I have to get up and oppose the two-year limitation, and I will tell you why. Last year we put on a seven percent lid on governmental subdivisions, and if you haven't heard by this time that all governmental subdivisions are having problems, you will before too long. When you ask a school district, such as we have two of in the State of Nebraska, having operated on a zero based budget for one year and then let them come back the next year with a seven percent increase, if that isn't penalty enough I will throw in with you. I have got a school district in my district that has gone through this, and I am telling you the morale in that school district, the teachers, everybody is upset and really, really concerned, and if we don't pass something that is going to give some relief there, we are going to see another petition and that is all right. I don't want to ever take that right