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members, we are talking today about...this evening about helping subdivisions of government that are in a bind, and you talked about the school districts in Nebraska City and in Omaha, and the township type of government especially in outstate Nebraska, greater Nebraska if you please, is in the straits that are even probably more difficult as Senator Hefner has mentioned than those that are in the urban area. Townships are the local form of government and many in my county and the adjoining counties in my district have not levied anything on certain years. They have been a frugal outfit. They have not...they have not spent money wildly and foolishly and now they find themselves in a real bind. They cannot levy enough money under the lid to provide the services that are needed, and it is true they could have an election and go through that process. But I think it is foolish to think that someone that spends less than, I believe the bill says \$25,000, is a spendthrift. And on top of that they are not going to get away with it because they are all taxpayers and the neighbors are certainly paying the taxes and they are demanding the service. So I support that part of the bill. I certainly hope that you will support Senator Simon in this issue because if there is a problem with the other parts of the bill that we have talked about, we certainly have problems especially in a township form of government. And Senator Simon has just brought me a note and says this amendment came out of the Revenue Committee six to one. So I hope you will support him.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. The motion is the adoption of the Simon amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I think a record vote is sufficient. How many excused? Eight. I can't win it. Record vote. That's all.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 1778 and 1779 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President. Mr. President, the next motion I have is from Senator Carsten.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, my motion is to strike the two years and insert one in the Koch amendment. Seeing what the vote was and knowing what the strength is and realizing the hour, to