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it, you have the flexibility for vetoes to adjust to the exact amount needed to live within the budget. You can with the formula change, make sure that Lincoln and Omaha and the urban areas are not hurt. Passage of 882 would direct equity to the rurals or make at least a balance. I am not sure equity is even the right word any more, would create a balance there, and you could with this flexibility still make sure that state employees received somewhat of a more equitable honest just fair increase whether that means amending a bill, which I would hope we could do, rather than override a veto, but from this point on I think we have created a direction. I think now we should pursue it as vigorously and as quickly as we can.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to, we are speaking to the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR KEYES: That is the adoption of the amendment that puts forty million dollars additional money above the twenty million in the kitty, in the school aid fund, is that right? Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers, I have been told two or three times, two or three different figures. We have already put twenty million in on the fifty-five makes seventy-five. Now we are putting twenty million more or forty million more?

SENATOR VICKERS: Forty million more, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Forty million dollars more money. Now I have supported every state aid bill that come across this state but I am not going to support putting forty million in. First of all, I am not interested in building up the ego of our Governor who will veto it if he has the least bit of understanding of state government. The second thing is, if we override his veto, the people of this state before have taken upon themselves by petition to put it on the ballot and vote it down. Now I am not a big enough fool, twice you fool me it's my fault. Three times, twice you fool me it is your fault, three times it is my fault, and I am not going to be at fault for voting in forty million dollars more money so that the Governor can look good, so that the people of this state can have to say what they want to. I have one amendment on 882 that just simply says, Senator DeCamp, where are you at? I want you to listen to this. This amendment simply says that January the 1st, 1981 no subdivision of government can levy a property tax. That will mean that this Legislature and the Governor of this