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that they are getting off so I ask that you accept this amendment. This is an honest to goodness amendment that I have thought about for a long time. I hated to do it but there was no way of correcting it in any other way. So I move for the adoption of that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have a whole list of names and I will have to find out whether you want to speak to the Keyes amendment. Senator Newell, do you wish to speak to the Keyes amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: I do, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the Keyes amendment. Now I think that we have to understand that this is just another exemption. This is not a clarifying anything. These are considered business equipment and consequently this amendment is an amendment to exempt business equipment and if you are going to exempt some of the business equipment, I think you ought to exempt all the business equipment. I think that would provide some fairness in this whole question. You've got agricultural equipment exempted. Let's exempt business equipment and let's also pay back then through the counties that lose under this proposal, pay back to them dollar for dollar as we did on the other exemptions. That is the core to this whole issue. The key is the question of distribution and fairness and to exempt some business equipment and not exempt all business equipment is not only unfair but it is unconscionable because once you do this then you bring in the opportunity for everyone to do this piecemeal but when they do it piecemeal and I want to talk to my friends who in urban areas, when they do it piecemeal they are not intending to provide monies through the pay back formula. They are intending to do that as a loss to local subdivisions of government and where will that loss occur? It will occur where the business equipment is, in the urban areas. Now I tell you this is the most unfair proposal. I withdrew my amendments and one of my amendments would have, in fact, did what Senator Keyes is proposing. I think this is a key issue and I think that this amendment should have been withdrawn. It should not be offered. It is not right. It is not fair. It is not just and it creates problems instead of resolves problems and so I support the Keyes amendment. We ought to clean this bill up. We ought to create some equality here. We ought to add to the fund and pay the \$23,000,000 that it will cost to reimburse urban counties for business equipment that is going to be exempted but that is the correct and right way in dealing with this issue. Now I thought that we were going to withdraw my motions and then we would get right to the vote but that is not the case.

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