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property taxes to cushion the blow of the federal loss of dollars. I think that is the only realistic thing we can do but I will state right here that when the full effect of the federal government is known to us in this state, that which we look at today in great praise may not be of the highest praise within six months or next year. I am not going to accept any compromises in terms of additional increases in the lid bill. I think that is foolish because what we are going to do is we are going to encourage irresponsible budgeting if we raise it to 9 or 10 or some other figure or if we say by a two-thirds vote of the elected officials you may exceed. You know as well as I do, politically at that level that is suicide either way you look at it. We will be putting those people at that division of governmental level in a position of no win. Those who vote to go above are not going to be the greatest heroes. Those who say, let's live the way we are will be misunderstood. That person as an executive officer who recommends we should will be in a no win position on either way. Let me give you an example. I will use the superintendent of schools, for instance. If he is able to muster the votes he has to under two-thirds vote he has to recommend that you go. He ends up he doesn't get that majority vote. He is a loser then but he ends up getting it. There are still losers. I know there are people under pressure. Mr. Mills tells me that county officials haven't had a raise lately simply because of the 7% lid. That is maybe true. I also know that county bridges are falling into a state of disrepair from what I have read. I think that is true. I know that people are starting to suffer. I received resolutions from Chamber of Commerces and so have you saying repeal the lid. I watched the two thousand meetings that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are hosting around the state and out at Grand Island came the word, let's repeal the 7%. I sat with people the other night in my legislative district, a hundred and fifty of them or so saying a lot of things that we don't understand here but they were candid enough to say it there. So I want to wait for a while and I will tell you why I want to wait. Because there were four thousand board members in the State of Nebraska and I haven't heard from very many. We have nineteen thousand professional staff members in education. I haven't heard from too many. We have four hundred board members in the State of Nebraska and I haven't heard from any of them. In the county we have nine hundred and fifty county officials and I haven't heard from any of them. We have almost three thousand city council members and I haven't hardly heard from them. We have other city officials that equal fifteen hundred and I haven't heard from any of them. The volunteer fire department sent me a resolution. There are sixteen thousand of those but I haven't heard from any of them and we have one thousand paid firemen and I haven't

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