

but which every intelligent person knows it is more like a 9 or 10% lid, and yet the assertion is made here this afternoon that these local political subdivisions can't get along with the 9 or 10% lid and need another hole in it and yet we all seem to be in a mood to think that the state government can get along with 5 or 6%. I guess I think we owe it to ourselves and to the public to come up with some sort of consistent theory on these things and I would ask that that be some guide to you in dealing with the bill that is before you right now. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to make just a couple remarks with respect to this bill. I think the first remark I want to make is to Senator Bill Barrett. Now he knows the meaning of the penalty of piling on. He's had virtually every speaker has risen in opposition to what he is going to do and the second remark I want to make is to the Executive Board. Not every bill that is labeled education bill should be referred to the Education Committee. Every other bill that has had to deal with a 7% lid has been referred to the Revenue Committee where it has been summarily dispatched but when a 7% lid bill got to the Education Committee that committee obviously saw it different in sending this particular exemption bill to the floor of the Legislature. So to some extent, Senator Barrett, the hard remarks that you are getting on the floor today, you would have got in the Revenue Committee had the bill come to the Revenue Committee and the final remark I want to make is that I recognize that Senator Barrett is doing frankly the right thing because local subdivisions genuinely are suffering from our 7% budgetary receipts lid that we imposed two and a half years ago and without any question alterations have to be made in that. But I want every member in this body to remember that that piece of legislation sunsets December 1983 which means that the 7% lid law that we have in place will come to an end automatically. It takes no legislative action on our part. It will come to an end automatically December 1983. So at that point in time this body will be able to reassess the efficacy of a 7% lid law, be able to determine whether or not it wants to continue the legislation, whether it wants us to let the local subdivisions do what they want to do but I suspect that until that point in time we will have to continue to struggle with the problem that local subdivisions are faced in trying to meet increasing costs with a very restrictive receipts budget.