

with our cuts, you are going to find some property tax increase and they are going to holler good and loud. There is no question in my mind. Just the other day in the newspaper, Lincoln school teachers got 6 1/2 percent increase. Where is that going to come from? It has got to come from property tax or it is going to come from the half a cent but it has to come. You bet we do, we give them the vote, didn't we? I am a little bit disturbed by this rationale. We need to cut property tax and we need to send a message, like Senator Vickers says, to our people and I have done that. I have told them you have got to cut back and I know that the city government in Seward, the Mayor had to override a veto to cut one of the individual's salary so they are doing it. Yet we are going to have them get an increase. Well, I don't think that is right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator DeCamp, you called the question. It turns out you are the last person who wants to speak, in which case I will ask Senator Warner to close.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you know we all understand the difficulty of what we are doing and we all understand the potential adverse effects but I am rather inclined to agree with a number of those that have made reference that I think we can anticipate local governing boards across the state within their ability recognizing the overall problem and they, too, will attempt to hold down those increases that would otherwise be incurred because of the reduced aid of 1 percent. Actually, it is a relatively minor, if you look...now we are only talking about schools right now...it is a relatively minor amount, if you look at what the total expenditure is, and I would hope that you would support this 1 percent as you have done so splendidly on the others, each of which were as difficult as this. I would hope the body would vote yes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Warner has closed. We will now vote on the amendment to reduce school aid by 1 percent.

CLERK: Senator V. Johnson voting yes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Record please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays on that portion of the committee amendments, Mr. President.