

recall his conversation relative to the fairness of cuts. He suggested that if we are going to make cuts, let's be fair with all units of government. And certainly when you are talking about 1 percent for this particular part of government and 5 percent for another part of government, we aren't quite equal. I would remind you too that state aid, as it has been called here, is not necessarily a gift to the political subdivisions of this state. Some of you who have been in this Legislature any length of time recall that over the years this body, this body that you are a member of today has continually, continually eroded the kind of taxes that could be collected by cities, schools and counties. You will recall that there used to be a tax on intangibles. There used to be a tax on personal property that you own, whether it was diamonds or gold or whatever it might be, household goods. You businessmen will recall that you paid taxes on your inventory. You farmers will remember that you paid taxes on your farm equipment. You paid taxes on your inventory in the feedlot, your cattle. That has been taken away from county governments. Those personal property items have been taken away from city governments over the years. So keep that in mind. Senator Withem, Senator Hannibal brought that out to you. Now Senator DeCamp talks about property tax relief and this has been brought out by others and I am repetitious at this point.

SENATOR MARSH: One minute, Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Senator DeCamp has mentioned...thank you, Madam Chairman. Senator DeCamp has mentioned property tax relief. Senator Johnson mentioned property tax relief and they talk about it, but when you take and take some of this away from those political subdivisions you are asking them to do one of two things, either increase the tax at the local level or cut. And I think that should be a choice for those local political subdivisions of our state, the city councils, the school boards, the county boards. Let's keep those things in mind as we consider this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Abboud. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We are under call. Each senator who is not excused is to be in her or his own seat. The vote is cease debate, but what I am saying is there should be sufficient votes up there to quickly go one way or another on this issue since we are under call. Have