

next year it will be zero. That was all done on the basis of aid, property tax relief. It does not show as an increase in aid because it became a part of state operations by virtue that the state paid the total cost. So the same would be true of the Lincoln and Omaha municipal courts. It is done in the sense of aid. It was done in the sense of a unified court system which was all well and good, but it will show up as an increase in state operations, not aid. When the state takes over cost in that fashion, as it did in those two examples alone, a portion of your increase is generated from that. Secondly, as has been pointed out numerous times by others during this Special Session, the percent of reduction of state aid to the total budget of local governmental subdivisions can be and is much smaller. Finally, I suppose the thing that would concern me the most, I suspect that the \$17 million cut that we now have in LB 1, should we go below that, that then you will be talking about substantial vetoes that will go right back up to something over 17 and we would have accomplished nothing and those vetoes will not be overridden, I'm sure of that. So I would urge that LB 1, we worked on it a long time as a body, we made a lot of changes, but I would urge that you keep it intact as it is with the level of reductions that we have because I think it prepares us reasonably well for the '86 session on the budget side, and if we can prepare reasonably well on the revenue side, then the problems next session will be much less. I'd urge you to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to rise in opposition to Senator Withem's amendment. In bygone days I tended to support the approach taken by Senator Withem, but I have changed my point of view in more recent times. I would rise and I would say that if we increased the amount of aid to local subdivisions we are going to see a reduction somewhere along the line in the local property tax. I have concluded, in watching local subdivisions, that that simply does not obtain, that we increase aid to local subdivisions and local subdivisions do not reduce local property taxes proportionately. It is quite possible that local property taxes will not increase as dramatically as they might have otherwise have increased, but there is simply not a proportionate reduction. So I have come to conclude that simple increases in state aid do not result in simple