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PRESIDENT: Now, once again. Any further discussion of LB 104. Senator Stahmer and then Senator Maresh.

SENATOR STAHMER: I have a question for Senator Syas, and I think he's been quite lenient in his remarks to me today and not (inaudible) and I'm not trying to needle you Senator Syas. I want some information. Where in the bill. It is my understanding in the Constitution there is a section dealing with personal property which allows partial or total tax exemption et cetera and allegedly we're supposed to be able to make up that difference. That's the legal question now. But where in this bill does it allow this type of real property to have the state step in. I don't see it in the bill and I think that unless you specifically have the bill I would question whether the state can, in fact, then be taxed to reimburse and make up these different taxes. And do you have an opinion of the Attorney General that that would be..

SENATOR SYAS: I have a verbal opinion of the Attorney General that the state of Nebraska like on school aid or anything else we can appropriate money if you alleviate government under any conditions without any law. We already have that in here at right. And we're doing it on school aid. Wait a minute I'll give you some more. We're doing it on. We gave the counties and the cities money when we repealed the intangible tax in lieu of what they lost. We gave on the personal property tax we gave the Counties and schools, districts and the cities money from the State Treasury in lieu of what they lost. And we could go on and on. We gave it on Homestead Exemption. We could go on and on on this thing.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I have the same question of Senator Stahmer I think that should be spelled out in the amendment. So the public would know what they are voting for. That the state shall make this up. So the taxpayers would know in that district that they will not be making up the difference and that the money will come from state funds.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well you don't have to do it, but if you want to do it and you think it has to be done. I'll do it on Select File. If you are going to get that picky, and you don't trust yourself, I'll do it on Select File.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Syas a question. This bill merely enables the Legislature to draw up a bill which will govern this. And I see no reason for discussing this.

(End Belt #4)