

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I am going to support Senator Lamb's bill coming out of committee but I also would support Senator DeCamp's bill coming out of committee and I do feel that one of the two of them or both of them should come out of there so that we will have some conversation here on the floor and be able to arrive at some way that we can get the money that is necessary to be put out to these school districts to which I feel they are entirely entitled to. So, consequently, we will have to start from here. I did ask Senator DeCamp if he was going to have his bill raised out of committee, if it could not come out by its own force from the committee, but I didn't get too much answer from him due to the fact that I thought he said, and I am not sure, and I must ask Senator Lewis, I thought he said they were going to have an executive meeting, the Education Committee, last afternoon. I say, I thought he told me this and that something might occur as to these coming out but I guess this was not correct and maybe I misunderstood him. But in this event, of course, I do think we are going to of necessity have to have one of these bills so that they get the money that is coming to them by all that is right.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise to speak in support of Senator Lamb's motion to bring his bill out of committee. It has already been stated the bill along with 757 is locked up in committee and I will agree with Senator Lewis that we do need to start talking about a long term plan and many of us are willing to do that. Now I want to speak for just a moment to LB 131 and LB 170. We are not going to resolve some of the problems we face today until such time as we have brought about equalization on the part of all the counties, but in the meantime, we need to do something in the way of a short term plan. Now what has happened to the schools in my legislative district, practically everyone of them have been hurt and hurt badly and some of the schools that perhaps would have to give up a little bit have been helped and helped in a real way and I think we can afford to straighten this thing out, even though it does take money away from some that have got more than maybe they should be having. It is unfortunate that what happened to LB 33 did not happen to the formula for distribution. If it would have, I don't think we would have the problem we have today. I think it is only fair that we support Senator Lamb and get this bill out so we can discuss it even further on the floor and I would agree with Senator Duis, maybe we should bring both bills out, LB 757 and this particular bill. All we are talking about is fairness and we certainly don't have it on the method of distribution we have today with only \$55 million to distribute. I am in strong support of Senator Lamb and his motion to bring this bill out for consideration by the body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to increased government spending. I think that we have heard that said many, many times here. You know everyone is against spending until it comes to