

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I think the school districts are entitled to the \$20 million, which the law called for and which we certainly appropriated. I would say yes. But again, that is (interruption).

SENATOR DWORAK: So then if the voters of Nebraska say that they desire LB 33, the State Board of Equalization then would have to start funding from that day forward, but then would also have to retroactively pick up that money.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Which would have already taken place without the few thousand signatures you had.

SENATOR DWORAK: Sixty thousand.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: And was duly appropriated by the Legislature already. Maybe you don't remember that.

SENATOR DWORAK: So then we're talking about a fiscal impact, with this amendment, of over a hundred million dollars. Is that right?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Dworak, with your skills I'm sure maybe.... It depends on what the people want, you see. For a person that has stood up here, and said we want to decide what the people want, so many times, I thought you would be enjoyed with this amendment.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Lewis. Now, Senator Lewis, I want to get back to my other question on the distribution of equalization. You said it was one-twelfth. You were talking in terms of twelfths. Is that correct, Senator Lewis?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have those figures available for you. Let me explain the bill, very basically, to you.

SENATOR DWORAK: Or is it really tenths, Senator Lewis?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Senator Dworak, they do it on a twelve month basis. They distribute all the money. LB 443, as you recall, has foundation money in it, as well as equalization money. So I think you ought to understand that first. LB 443 is not all equalization. I think you have a misunderstanding about that. I want to help you with that.

SENATOR DWORAK: No. I understand that, Senator Lewis. We distributed about \$33 million under equalization, about \$16.9 under foundation. But aren't they distributed on ten equal payments, rather than 12?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well I asked Senator Clark, whose bill it was, was it ten or twelve. Senator Clark said twelve.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well I think it's ten, Senator Lewis. It would be quite a bit different...

SENATOR F. LEWIS: If it's....

SENATOR DWORAK: ...connotation as to how much money was actually distributed.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: If it is ten then I want to commend you on being correct.