

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will keep my remarks very short. I think that probably I would like to key on Senator Lamb's remark, my district loses, he says. He puts that forth to the Legislature as being the way, the reason we all should use, the principle we all should use in voting on this measure. My district loses. I suggest that we all adopt Senator Lamb's formula. Because, if you look at the facts, under 691 62% of the people of the State of Nebraska would benefit under 691 as compared to 882. If everybody in Douglas County and everybody in Lancaster County and everybody out state voted strictly on whether their people benefit or not they should be voting for 691. You know I don't always like to look at the system and politics as always being straight power plays. I would like to think that 691, even in its present form, is not a straight power play. 691 envisions a formula that is based ultimately on one-half population, and one-half valuation. Obviously the population half of the formula benefits the urban areas. But the valuation half of the formula benefits the rural areas. 691 in and of itself encompasses a compromise. You know you don't know how to play this. Supposedly 691 doesn't have the votes even though most of the senators in here, most of their people, the majority of them would benefit from it. But I suggest to you that if reasonable compromises aren't in order today that not very many years will pass and there will be less favorable compromises or no compromise at all. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, thank you, Senator Johnson, for those kind words on the work of the committee and that we should follow the committee. I wish that you would have felt that way on LB 605. But to get to the issue, I am in favor of the kill on 691. Number one, it is not unconstitutional. The Attorney General's opinion said that 882 is not unconstitutional. 882 as it is presently written takes care of the law suit. So therefore, we can kill 691, adopt 882 and solve the problem. Thank you, Mr. President.

SEPAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, we are speaking to the kill motion.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I want my fellow senators to understand just a little bit about 881, 691 and especially the kill motion on 691. Senator Schmit, 691 is available on the floor of the Legislature today because I made a compromise. I think you understand that. I said that there is no way under the sun that these two bill can be discussed in the Revenue Committee where they were held four to four