

The issue before us now is how we distribute state aid back to counties, cities, tech colleges, NRD's and public schools. Now 25 members this morning, and I wasn't one of them, said we want 75 million dollars of state aid. I saw some unusual voting patterns. I commended them for that unusual voting pattern. I asked two or three of those that voted for it, I said does this mean that you are willing to override the Governor? They said we will address that when we get to it. We will address that when we get to it. I voted for the appropriations proposal of the spill over money, but the membership decided that wasn't the direction. Now there isn't a lot of value to being around an institution like this other than the fact that you learn by experience. You learn by experience. It is kind of like poor ole Charley Brown with a football. You put that football out, you say okay, I'm not going to pull it away this time. Charley comes up there very confident, his little chest is sticking out, he runs back about five or six steps, runs up to that football and Lucy pulls it out. The next year, same time, same season, Lucy comes up and says, Charley, do you want to kick the ball? Charley says, yes, I would like to kick the ball. She lines it up, he goes back five or six steps, he comes over to kick it and she pulls it away. Now I have learned that part, I learned that part. I want those people that really on record for the 75 million bucks, not to talk in circles, not say that it is not germane to this bill, not to say that it is appropriate, it is all aid to subdivisions. This vote is going to flush out any of those that may be involved in deceptive practices. Because of my high regard for all of the members, I don't expect that that was true. But this is just kind of a security vote for me to know that the football is going to be in place when it comes time to kick it. The arguments that have been presented against this are superficial at the least and suspect that. . . .

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: . . .manipulation at the most. Now if there are those that are really interested in providing the property tax relief, i.e., all of the speeches this morning, they want to put the 75 million dollars in, it appears to me that it doesn't matter where it goes in. So if there are vigorous opposition to it, there is vigorous opposition to it, it appears to me that there may be some other motive. If that is the case, we had better stay late with our lunches in terms of the issues at hand, because I'm sure that there are going to be other amendments in terms of this issue to create a fair distribution of money. I urge the adoption of my amendment.