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without any question I can support Senator Warner's amendment because it seems to me that what his amendment is designed to do is to ensure that whatever course of action this body takes there will be no school districts that will be adversely affected. We either continue with the present distributional formula. If we do, we add \$20 million to the fund so that no school district is hurt by the present distributional formula, or in the alternative, we adopt 486 which is an indexed formula and we have to add money to that pot again to make certain that no school district is hurt. \$20 million appears to be an appropriate figure so this is probably a very responsible and sound step for us to take.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, now dammit, I want everybody to listen. I am getting a little upset. If I try to pull something on banking and I get caught, you guys cream me. I want the press to listen. There is more going on here than meets the eye and I am the strongest supporter of state aid there is but I want you to pick up your cotton picking sheets that has been handed out. I want the press to do this. I have talked to five Senators in a row and not one of them knows, not one of them knows what this says and they think it says something it doesn't say and it is serious. First column, actual present, Vard Johnson, you know what the heck is going on so listen. Actual present examples of aid level at the various funding levels. Those figures you read there, those figures you read there you all have the impression or the vast majority that that is the money that is going to come to you this next year. That is wrong, totally wrong, completely wrong, completely false. Those figures don't mean diddly damn. Those figures are what you got last year. What hasn't been told to you and what somebody better start telling to you is that equalization changed everything and so those figures are meaningless and the most important figure you need right now is what you would get under equalization. Now what the heck is going on is obvious. Lincoln, Omaha, some others are going to get the living by Jesus kicked out of them because of equalization. That is why we need to change the formula, but unlike what Senator Koch says that we just deal with this issue independent, this issue is not an island. It is linked to 882. It is linked to the surplus and it is linked to the formula and don't try separating them. Understand what the heck you are doing. How is it linked to 882? 882 gave \$70 million or would give about \$70 million this year

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