

to replace personal property. Who are the big winners? Let's not kid ourselves. The big winners were the rurals. The big winners were the rurals. For years \$55 million state aid has been distributed under various formulas, the big winners have traditionally and maybe properly, the big winners have traditionally been Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Hastings, so on and so forth. So two flukes occurred this year, one, a constitutional fluke put 882 in jeopardy so that the rurals may lose their windfall, and I think that is a fair word under the circumstances, they may lose their windfall if you change the formula. By the same token equalization occurred and Omaha and Lincoln are going to be losing their windfall if you follow existing formula. Now I think the fair balance is to first of all understand these pieces and decide, does 882 go through and you leave it there and then do you do something to make sure the \$55 million over here that is distributed still goes primarily to the same places, in other words, urban areas. But they are not separate issues and I am not going to go ahead, and as I say, I think my record shows I am one of the strongest supporters over the years of state aid and education and everything else but no lobbyist and no Senator and nobody else is going to hustle me into believing this is a bunch of accurate figures. That is mumbo jumbo. I want to know how much, how much these districts will be getting this year under equalization and then we should sit down and decide what is fair to everybody. Now, Vard, you know doggone well that what I am saying is true, isn't it? We are going to get this straightened out and we are not going to be playing and throwing twenty or forty or sixty million and changing formulas all under the pretense we are holding harmless and making little adjustments. It is just not happening that way and, education lobby, if you are going to play this game in here, you play her straight or you are going to get the living blades kicked out of you. You are dealing with hundreds of millions of dollars and you are going to do it up front and everybody in here is going to know what the hell they are doing when they are doing it, and, Senator Vickers, I want money in plan A, state aid, more than you. I would be willing to bet any person in the body that over the years I have paid more property taxes, I am guessing, than any member here. Plan A helps me more than anybody here. Plan A goes to all property. Right. That is where I benefit. Plan B which is to the homeowner doesn't help me at all, not at all, but all I am saying is let's understand what we are playing with here because we are playing with big chips. We are playing with 882 which is at stake, personal property issue. We are playing with the \$55 million, the