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to begin with. This establishes a precedent. Then we will see in future Legislatures, we will see efforts to change that 80-20. It will soon, I predict, be 50-50. It will not stay at 80-20. I certainly oppose bringing LB 390 out of committee. I hope you will not do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, I wrote this speech last night while I was listening to the debate on 319. Maybe that was a mistake. I am not sure. I should feel pretty good this morning because of the rain. But I want to give you my reasons and I am a member of the Revenue Committee, I believe the first one that has spoken. Valuation has a more direct tie to personal property tax that was lost some years back as Senator Lamb has mentioned. The loss of funds planned on in LB 882 are real to the people out in my district and LB 882, whether you like it or not or whether the courts like it or not, did pass this body. You have sheets passed out where not all counties and subdivisions did budget the entire amount. Well, I think they were pretty smart because they didn't know what they were going to get, and this proves it. It is inconceivable for me to understand how those of you who worked so hard to get population into the formula are the ones who already win the extra funds over LB 882. Using the valuation as a distributing factor, you still win a great amount. I am hurt that you have no concern for those of us who lost and want to inflict even a greater loss on us. I am also disappointed at the Chairman of the Revenue Committee who cannot abide by the decision made by the committee he Chairs. He keeps bringing up the decisions made by the Revenue Committee of last year. I did not ask to be on the Revenue Committee to be rubber stamped for last year's members, and when I feel my area citizens are getting a raw deal, I will not accept it without a struggle. I would rather put some of the personal property tax back on than to have this burden fall entirely upon personal property tax...or upon real estate tax. Some Senators from the urban areas seem to think they can walk all over us country yokels and still get what they want in their pet program in the big city. I have always worked with the urban Senators but I can and will throw every road-block into the way of your priorities if I have to.