

a deal as I could, and don't think I didn't, and check that state aid formula and see how bad it is. Give me the \$41 million, Senator Schmit, and put it in the state aid formula and none of the schools will gripe about it. Just put the \$41 million in the state aid formula and then go ahead and get a formula for cities and counties and I could care less. But I am getting a little bit upset about this formula. Senator Schmit told me last year 882 was a very good thing and I argued with him about it. He said, you will be all right, Gerry, you will be all right. This bill is constitutional. It was not constitutional. I would support any kind of a fair, equitable formula here today. I am not committed to take money away from those who deserve it, but if you want to talk about your system where you live, I told you where I live and I can get the facts to prove it, the figures. \$19 million under 518 came out of School District 54, and we get back \$556,000, and I say start putting mills against it and see how long it takes you to get that. You will never recover that base, but I will tell you who is paying for it, the homeowners in that School District 54, and I am surprised they haven't taken me to task for my votes down here in trying to get some kind of reasonable judgment and sense. So let's sit here, let's all argue, let's all make commitments but never shall we sit down and reason together and I commend Senator Carsten because I know what it is to sometimes make some difficult decisions, and I don't think Senator Carsten has deserted the rural nor is he trying to give it all to the urban. I think Senator Carsten is trying to get something on this floor to free up \$70 million which should have been distributed on time. We all know that \$70 million was two years ago purchasing power, not tomorrow's. We are not really giving back anything to those people. We took it away and we are sort of apologizing for what we are trying to give back. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now some of you have spoken twice. Some of you are up for the first time. If we make errors, you will have to excuse us, we do the best we can. I am going to try to stagger this so that the pros and cons will get equal weight. So if some of you feel that you have not been called upon, be a little patient. The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, as one of the signers of the motion to raise LB 390, of course, am speaking on behalf of that motion. I have been a member of the Revenue Committee, this is my