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with the straight valuation formula, when that happens. what you see is the money, the shift of money, being so dramatic to rural areas, to rural areas. At the same time you see that sort of change, what happens in those rural counties is going to be that ag land is going to be up, that small town residences are going to be down, and that is what we are arguing for. Twenty percent allows us a population formula, so that if and when that happens we will be able to come back to this Legislature and say, look, population is a factor, and since this change has taken place, we ought not allow this distribution to be so lopsided. But there is other agendas here. There is other agendas and there is other issues involved in this whole question. It is not the grubby urban legislators trying to steal everything they possibly can steal. The question is Thirty legislators on equity and political reason. this floor will benefit with the population factor. Thirty legislators will benefit with the population factor when you look at their entire districts. Now. I mean their home county may not benefit, but when you look at the overall benefits, thirty legislators benefit from that kind of a factor, and we are saying we are going to ignore that, we are not going to allow even a little bit of that. All we are asking for is a token amount. something we can go back home and say, look, it's there, we are protected, we are protected against the day the ag land becomes, if it is to become and I don't think there is any farmer in the state that wants to see ag land valued at actual value, but we will be protected against That is the issue. It is not Senator DeCamp's that day. "Senator Newell is trying to get 20 percent this year and 40 percent the next year,"etcetera, etcetera, We agreed to 20 percent. We made that compromise. It is a reasonable compromise. It is a token amount that is face-saving and that is why we agreed to it. But the issue here is only that, and Senator DeCamp's arguments that we are trying to... that this is the first step in the big, big picture I think is not only unfair but it is not true. We wouldn't be able to have as many people sign that request. We wouldn't have as many people look at that whole issue. We are trying to find political fairness and we are trying to get 33 votes to distribute \$70 million.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR NEWELL: And you have got to allow us to save a little face so we can go along with you. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Howard Peterson and then we will

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