

simply, that, you know the history of this whole question of distribution of railroad dollars is one that will come up later in the session but one that you address every time the railroad, anything related to railroads come up. I would like to make one simple little point, Senator Schmit, for the body which you probably are well aware of. That this whole question of distribution of dollars was changed a little bit with 103 and 105 of three years ago, but frankly, Senator Schmit, Butler County has fluctuated greatly during this whole process. One year of Butler County when they stopped doing the density factor, Butler County's increase was nearly 60%. That was not accompanied by any great cries from Butler County or even yourself. The next year, however, when they factored back in the density factor, which most of us agree is, in fact, an important factor, Butler County did lose considerably and that year we heard great screams and cries from Butler County and Senator Schmit. I just offer that information because frankly, too many times in this Legislature we do analyze things in terms of their impact. We seldom say, gee, golly, I got away with a whole lot when we benefit but we do hear tremendous screams and cries when, in fact, we are the losers. And I think that point ought to be made from time to time so that everyone understands fully that it is the good days we complain a little about. It is the bad days we yell and scream and the same things are true with figures and distribution of railroad tax dollars.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Beutler, you are next. The question has been called for. Are there five hands? I do see five hands. Senator Schmit, would you like to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, again we pass a bill of major implication upon local subdivisions of government and I think that again, very few people realize or care to take the time to determine what that impact will be. Now some of you listened very carefully or not so carefully a year ago when Senator Newell was explaining to you what the impact would be of LB 103 and 105 and you believed him when he told you that it was going to be minimal. There would not be much of an impact upon your local communities. If you go back to your own home county and you did go back last summer and you said, well, I believed what they told me and it turned out to be not true. You can get away with that once but if you go back home this year, Senator Haberman, and find that they have carved your place right out of the table and you are sitting there all by yourself and you tell your people I believe somebody else, I believe Senator DeCamp this time, and he told me it was going to be all right. They are going to ask you, Senator Haberman, how many times are you going to have to be told to do your own figuring? Look at your own books and your own numbers. Senator Peterson touched