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to some kind of a reasonable compromise is not in the best interest. It is interesting for me to sit here and watch, and I read in the paper the other day where several freshmen got together and they were going to write the formula for 284, at least that was what was reported in the newspaper, but fortunately not all the freshmen were together. So one of the tactics the other day was to make certain that we move 284 so we would break up a group of people who obviously were going to write a formula. I recall a group of us signed a paper here to bring a bill out of committee. It was out of Senator Carsten's committee. If I remember correctly there were twenty-seven signatures which was more than enough to bring the bill on the floor. I think it was LB 390 which was a Revenue Committee bill. It had a formula in it. It had population-evaluation. When we got down to the key vote though, suddenly there were several votes missing. Usually when I put my name to something, I am going to stick with it even though I recognize I might have made the wrong remark. The other day I advised the University to settle the problems of professional staff and I found out that wasn't necessarily in the best interest but I put my name there and so I am responsible for it. I will not accept 284 as it is now I am going to tell you very candidly right here because I believe the Revenue Committee has to study that massive revenue sharing proposal offered by Senator Schmit. It is a very complicated issue. I will accept the formula in 284. I have argued that before with Senator Schmit over who is losing and who is gaining and I know that we can sit here forever if we need thirty-three votes. We can rally a number of votes to keep that from happening but in the best interest of the people of this state it is time that we sat down and reasoned together, and I will say this to Senator Chambers, seldom does he have meetings with anyone but he hustles this floor tough when he wants a favor because he has hustled me a number of times. That is right on the floor and generally I can side on with Senator Chambers because we don't often disagree, and I am saying to you, let's take the bill up and talk about it but let's sit down and reason together without anger, without creating enemies, and without blaming or castigating someone because there are those who are catalyst and there are those who aren't, and I am ready to talk about 284. I will tell you right now. I am not ready to put Senator Schmit's total bill into 284. I will accept the formula but I am not ready to put revenue sharing in it and some other things that I think need to be studied with a critical eye, come to this body later on, then let's move to revenue sharing. Now one last point.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.