that this to me is a very important bill, most important in the Legislature. This is a top priority bill and when we remember how this came about, the $70 million was [illegible] to replace personal property tax which was eliminated under LB 518. This was the purpose of the $70 million. Now we seem to be straying away from that concept. We are putting it on...we are talking about putting it on a basis of population. To me this is entirely unacceptable because it not only affects the rural areas in an unkind manner but also it gets away from the original purpose of the $70 million. And so to accept any sort of a formula which puts in population is not something I am willing to accept. Now a ten percent population looks harmless on the surface because it does not disrupt the whole distribution all that much but I contend that once we get a population figure into the formula it will never come out, and instead of ten percent, it will eventually be fifty percent. So I am not a part of any deal which will pass this bill with a population formula because this is vitally important to my area of the state, to the whole rural area of the state, and beyond that, is getting away from the concept of the $70 million in the first place. We are not being true to what we said we were doing when we passed LB 518 and this $70 million loses its significance when you alter the formula in this way. Now maybe there are other ways that this formula can be altered. I am not saying there is not but to put population into this thing makes it entirely unacceptable to me, and although I do have some other bills that I am interested in in this Legislature, this is the one which affects me, my area and most of the state most directly.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, an awful lot has been said. I don't think I can add very much to it only perhaps echo what Senator Lamb just said. It is kind of strange. I get a funny feeling about this whole thing. The ones that are complaining the most about the formula are the ones that are already getting more money than they had ever anticipated either under the old personal property tax income or 882 or any other formula you want to come up with and this has puzzled me ever since we started talking about this issue. I think everybody ought to look at the charts that have been passed out over the last month or so. Maybe you could understand then why we are upset in the rural area. We are being accused of being hardheaded, unreasonable and uncompromising, and we are getting the heck beat out of us on this formula even with the one we have now and yet we are supposed to be the good guys or the bad guys, whichever side you are on, and not care about it and go along with just