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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, we are on the DeCamp amendment, not the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct and I will speak to the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: All right.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Well, as things go in this body there is an every changing or shifting of opinion and it seems to have shifted. Senator DeCamp and Senator Carsten and a number of others on Monday discussed this whole question of distribution and I think that in the end the thing that had the most support and I guess that is what we really have to look at here, what can gather thirty-three votes would be the valuation, the straight valuation for three years with a sunset provision. Now I want to say that I never ever understood any agreement to include sunseting of the Omaha sales tax and Lincoln sales tax and North Platte sales tax, etc. etc., and I find that unacceptable in any formula for a number of reasons. I think that we have to look at revenue sharing. I think we ought to look at revenue sharing that may in fact be the best solution but I don't think that the gun should be held to anyone's head during the course of this debate and discussion about a revenue sharing proposal. So I cannot support that kind of an amendment. I will support the DeCamp amendment because in the end I think that may be, unfortunately, wrong as it is, the only thing that we can get thirty-three votes on in this body. So I support it. I think it is preferable to other proposals that have been offered and with that, I would urge this body to accept this compromise approach.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I hope that this body realizes that to some degree the chairman of the Revenue Committee is in that "rock and hard spot" place and I guess I would have to just reiterate to some degree what Senator Newell has said and it is going to be the judgement of this body and I think it is way past time that this body makes that judgement, of how the \$70,000,000 is going to be distributed and I suggest which ever way it goes, whether it is with valuation or whether it is with Senator Schmit's distribution formula, that thirty three people get behind it in the end and support it. We have provided for you, Senator DeCamp circulated a print-out of his amendment and in fairness to the body, I have this morning resubmitted to you another sheet that by comparing the two, you can find the answers to your questions as to what