

the DeCamp amendments. I noticed that Senator DeCamp very facetiously pointed out, if we follow his proposal, if we follow his proposal, it will be settled once and for all and we can get on with something else. Well of course it is always true, as I pointed out, only 35 counties, probably a handful of legislative districts are going to suffer substantial losses of revenue. Now you don't have to be over educated to understand that when the majority of people voting have things going their way, it is easy to resolve the issue. I have been on that side and I have been on the other side. I know that when the odds favor me it is easier to pick up the votes, and I have enjoyed that position. My own county benefits substantially from the DeCamp amendments, benefits substantially. My own district benefits. But there are districts in the State of Nebraska which suffer substantial loss. I think that it is our responsibility to attempt as much as possible to mitigate that loss. If we fail to do so, Senator DeCamp suggests very graciously that we just throw on the additional votes to provide the thirty-three votes to distribute the funds as rapidly as possible. Well, ladies and gentlemen, if I am going to my execution, I see no need to expedite the process. I am willing to take an extra 90 days and I think that Senator DeCamp, if he were in the same position, would argue from the same point of view. The problem that we face is this. Senator DeCamp says once the issue is resolved it will be resolved forever. Well forever is a long while. Forever in this legislature lasts usually on the average of perhaps a day, a day and a half or two. There have been some very interesting groups put together and Senator DeCamp refers to the powerful lobbyists. Obviously lobbyists work both sides of the aisle. The point that I am trying to make is this. I felt an obligation to try to develop a formula. When the people who basically I thought would benefit the most from 52⁴ would not support it, I went back and tried to do something else. That is the result, or that is why these amendments have resulted. But these amendments injure the minimum number of people. I have to admit this very frankly, it does not give Sarpy County the tremendous windfall that they are going to gain under the DeCamp proposal. I have no objection or no animosity toward Sarpy County. But Sarpy County was budgeted for somewhere around \$300,000 of personal property tax money. They were expecting under 82 about a half a million I believe. Under the Senator DeCamp proposal it will get about 2.3 I believe, maybe a little bit more, maybe 2%. Under my proposal they still get 1.3. Now someone came to me from Sarpy County, not a senator, and said you are going to handicap Sarpy County. Well I said, ask Senator Chronister who represents Cuming County who is going from a million-three down to six hundred thousand, if he would be satisfied if we went to seven million, five times what he was getting before, or does he want to get 14 million which is ten times what he is getting. We talk about equity.