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DeCamp is doing with his valuation amendment to LB 284, I think that Senator Schmit is still following an older course with his amendment, an older course that frankly Senator Schmit is prepared to abandon as he has demonstrated through LB 524. . . .

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR JOHNSON: So it seems to me that the most appropriate conduct for us, at this time, is to reject the Schmit amendment to follow the DeCamp course and to continue to plug away at solid revenue sharing programs. Before I close though I want to point out one thing. I want this body to fully appreciate that as an Omaha senator I don't think that the way we are sending 70 million dollars back to my district is fair. Under the DeCamp formula or under the Schmit formula I think that we have to send dollars back in greater proportions to the urban senators. As I look at a chart that was prepared by Don Norden who is the staff counsel for the Revenue Committee, I see under that under the Schmit formula we will be sending back to Senator Schmit's beloved Butler County \$81.87 per person.

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up.

SENATOR JOHNSON: One moment Mr. Speaker, in Douglas County we will be sending back \$31.58.

SENATOR CLARK: I can not give you more time. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to call the question, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. All those wishing to cease debate will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Schmit, do you wish to close on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I won't take a lot of time Mr. President, I just want to say this. Senator Vard mentioned the amount of money going back to Butler County per capita versus the amount going to back to Douglas County per capita. When the taxes were being paid, Senator Johnson, the amount being paid per capita was substantially greater. That is what we were