

this body adopted only a year ago. So I suggest to you that if I can't get the 60-40, I will support Newell in just putting in the foundation and hopefully this body would get the printouts and take a look at that because we are about ready to go away from something we just adopted recently as being rather fair and equitable to all school systems, but that answers Senator Carsten's question a moment ago, what happens if we go strictly into the foundation? That would mean then of the amount of money that we are talking about placing in here, \$136 million, that 72 percent of that money would go strictly to foundation and the remainder would go to equalization, and, of course, if you don't get everything you want at one time, you take what is next best and then try to resolve the issue at a later time. Senator Newell, a moment ago talked about what is politically feasible in election years. I would remind him that in 1980 we pounded out a formula in here and that was election year and not too many people suffered from it, in fact, for the first time the more rural areas in the State of Nebraska came out better under the new formula of state aid than they did under the old one we had been living under for a long time. So I suggest to you that if we are going to take Senator Newell's amendment, that I would support it right now, but I think we have to get back to what we originally intended when we adopted the state aid formula of a year ago.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I agree with the thrust that Senator Koch had that although this may not be totally what we have agreed on in the past in state aid to education it still is an acceptable way to distribute these funds. One of the things that I think we have failed to do in the Legislature is to really accurately reflect how much we are sending back to local government to offset property taxes in different types of state aid. One advantage of Senator Newell's formula is rather than spreading this aid out over several more different funds that no one really can identify, channeling it through all sorts of different conduits that we are consolidating our aid, and I think it is a step in the right direction. All too often we are not really accurately reflecting back because of the complexities that we create, we are not accurately reflecting back to local government how much state aid we are providing, and by consolidating and simplifying this into several...a few funds rather than several, I