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aid which is the most rural portion of the state aid formula and the other \$29 million goes to counties to be distributed among the remaining subdivisions based on the Schmit proposal. The third year we get into an honest and legitimate revenue sharing proposal. Now, frankly, the Attorney General and the Governor has made some statements on this issue. The Governor said that he would not, in his Press Conference Friday, he would not sign an unconstitutional bill. The Attorney General has reiterated his position on this issue, and, so in fact, there is a question about the Schmit-DeCamp proposal on whether or not it will be, in fact, signed. This proposal is the preferable one because there is no constitutional questions. It is a preferable question because, in fact, it is going to be a long term solution.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: And I think the members of this body who had pressure and have been lobbied on this issue, have to reflect for a moment upon where that pressure has been, why it has come and what it's primary purpose is. Is it to legitimately solve this question? Or is it to show that they, in fact, still are in charge? The proposal that I am offering is, in fact, one that this Legislature can be proud of. It will be a compromise and rural and urban Senators alike will be able to go back to their districts and say, we did the right thing, we did the best thing, we did the only thing that we could do. I urge this body to bring 284 back for this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is the return of LB 284 to Select File for the specific Newell amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Motion to return. Everybody is at their desks that is here. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, yes, sir.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, we are ever so close.

PRESIDENT: Yes, that's true.

SENATOR NEWELL: And I think that if we had just....

PRESIDENT: Are you asking for a roll call vote?

SENATOR NEWELL: ...one other second to think about it that that 25th vote will be there, so....