

the equalization side, a formula which encourages counties to accept low valuations. So we continue to work across purposes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Very clearly this bill will continue to have constitutional defects in it. I think the appropriate thing for us to do is to repudiate the DeCamp amendment and to give us a few days and arrive at an accommodation which will be agreeable to virtually all sides.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I am kind of curious of some of the remarks that Senator DeCamp made and I would like to ask him about them. Maybe we can get a little better clarity. Senator DeCamp, would you respond to a couple questions that I have? Senator DeCamp, the proposal that I offered was clearly, in my opinion and I think the opinion of many, a compromise but one of the things that I can't quite understand is your trying to sell this body that this is, especially urban legislators, people from North Platte, Kearney, Scottsbluff, etc., etc., Norfolk, Beatrice, those cities and towns that it is really going to be better for them in the long run. Now I would like to have you just help me understand that, John, because I don't see the dollars being there. I see the third year an unconstitutional formula which may or may not ever get adopted and even then it is not a very good deal. Can you explain with a little more clarity why this is in my best interest or other urban senator's best interest, John? Just briefly too, I don't want you to take all my time.

SENATOR DeCamp; I would love to, David. You see you are handicapped by something that, well quite frankly, not all the other urban senators have and that is the belief that the only benefit, the only help that an urban area can have is to see how deep into the bucket they can reach and how much money they can grab and run with irrespective of anything else. The overall purpose of the legislation is to provide an equitable overall property tax system to improve the property tax system and to the degree that the property tax system functions equally, functions fairly and serves its purpose of providing the things it is supposed to government, the urbans, the rurals, we are all benefitted.

SENATOR NEWELL: John, thank you for that very philosophical statement. I was hoping that I would get something like that a little briefer, however. Colleagues, one of the greatest