

difficulties of this argument that I have and one of the greatest things that Johnny DeCamp can do is he can say all that with a straight face. I mean, it is without question, the sincerity with which Johnny DeCamp says we should not ask for our fair share of the taxes that predominantly raise in urban areas. It is not in our best interest to ask for that but instead it is in our best interest to make sure that equalization takes place because undervaluation with equalization taking place, what is being proposed quite frankly is simply this. That as the State Department of Revenue does a better and better job of requiring agricultural values to be inched up and in some cases they are not being inched up, they are being significantly raised. Then the valuation will encourage that to continue to happen, says John, and therefore, it will be much better for you to have valuation because as you bring farm values up, that will create equity and at the same time you are going to have a valuation formula which means that the dollars will be distributed to those rural areas or to that ag land as it increased in value. Now the neat thing about that is, not only is that supposed to be better for us and in the long run I don't see how that could possibly happen, but the neat thing about that is that that is not good for agricultural interests either and I want to know if Howard Lamb or Dick Maresh or Loran Schmit really want to see farm land valued....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...on a sales assessment ratio. I mean I would like to see those agricultural interests go back home and say, you know, we haven't been paying our fair share. We haven't had the values high enough and frankly, I think they ought to be higher and that is what this valuation proposal is going to do. It is going to make them higher and in the end that means we are going to get more state aid but in the end it also means that you are going to pay more property tax dollars in relationship to everything else in the county. Now I don't know that I would want to run if I was in Howard Lamb's district or in Loran Schmit's district or Dick Maresh's district on that platform.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR NEWELL: And we don't want to see that platform either because, in fact, that is going to take those state aid dollars, create havoc for the rural interests and create havoc in the urban areas. The great beneficiaries will be the small towns, the Adamses, the Bancrofts, etc., etc., which I have some sympathy for but at this point in time I am tired of paying other people's taxes and I want a better distribution of the 70 million dollars and is presently being offered for the urban areas.