

I know that the Omaha Public Schools, Senator Koch, Senator Wiitala, the Omaha Public Schools have spent nearly millions of dollars in terms of trying to make a modification and weatherization and those dollar costs, now we are going to be provided to those schools who apply for them. There will not be enough money here. There cannot be enough money. The priority system is going to be difficult at best. Frankly, putting this in the state aid funds is the only legitimate way and setting this credit up which is the second issue is a mistake that I think the Revenue Committee has resisted for all these many years and I don't think we ought to be encouraging this for the Select File amendment. I would very strongly urge the body to adopt the Remmers amendment and I will, if for some reason this body does not do the judicious thing, I will offer an amendment to try to take the credit out of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would just observe that we are still on Final Reading and we are going to try to be flexible in allowing you to move around but we would urge that you not leave the Chamber without letting us know because if we suddenly vote on this matter we would like to have you here. The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Remmers in his amendment. I think it is a fine amendment. It does disturb me a little when Senator Wesely would say that the oil industry supports this. Thank God the oil industry is not running the Legislature of Nebraska. Their only obligation in this whole thing is to pay that severance tax. That is their only obligation. They could care less where it goes to after it comes in. That is our obligation. I think the rest has been said. It is going to be a heck of a job prioritizing where this money is going to go. Those that have, and I know that Sidney has, my district, spent a lot of money weatherizing. We will get no money out of this. Those that have not done anything will get it and that is what they are trying to tell you and I certainly support Senator Remmers in his effort.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I just want to make a couple of points on this bill, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. The first is, as I look carefully at the fiscal note that was last prepared following the adoption of the DeCamp amendments, one of the things I discovered is this, is that this bill is now in a form which would take all of the severance tax monies excluding those monies raised from producing wells on school land but all the rest of the monies it would take and place into the weatherization fund. It would not just take that