

or who is not getting too much money but Senator Haberman has brought up that question with this material on whether Omaha has surpluses or doesn't have surpluses or what the situation is in Omaha and I wanted to bring to your attention a letter from the legal counsel for the Revenue Committee staff addressed to Senator DeCamp in which the question was posed as to where state aid was going, which counties were getting the most, which were not getting much, how it broke down. And this summary of information took into account the homestead exemption, the personal property tax relief fund, the insurance premium tax fund, the highway allocation fund, the governmental subdivision fund, all of the state aid funds that we have which come to a total state aid of about \$371 million. And then it set aside amounts that could not be broken down by counties and then everything else it broke down by county to see where it was going in each individual fund and they discovered that the per capita state average was \$220, the per capita state average across the state was \$220. Now, in Senator Haberman's district in Grant County, for example, whereas the state average was \$220, they were getting \$347 per person in that county and in my county, Lancaster County, we were 90th out of ninety-one counties. We were getting \$176 per capita out of those state aid funds and in Douglas County which Senator Haberman indicates has all these excess funds laying around, they were way below the state average of \$220. They were down around 80th getting \$208 per person in Douglas County. This is the most comprehensive material I've seen on the breakdown of state aid and I'm sure we can still get into arguments about the figures. But I think the point that it makes quite clearly is that Lincoln and Omaha are not making off very well at all. Even if you juggle the figures some we're still going to be near the bottom of the heap. So, Senator Haberman and others of you, that are concerned, it seems to me that the least you could do is with regard to the judicial system, treat us equally, treat us just as you are treating your own people in that regard. Traffic violations paid for out of state funds in Imperial should be paid for out of state funds in Lincoln and in Omaha. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Call the question, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.