

added to the state aid to schools fund are distributed solely based on the foundation portion of that formula. 2. The counties share of these funds is used to eliminate the county share of Medicaid payment and, 3. The cities share under the governmental subdivision fund is distributed based on population rather than valuation because of the above opinion of the Attorney General that the former distribution is unconstitutional. No additional state funds are added to the present \$82.6 million total of these two state aid funds. The constitutionality of LB 816 as amended by the Revenue Committee has been approved by the Attorney General and you have in your hands a copy of that opinion, #213, marked March 8. Now, Mr. President, if I may, I would like to offer my own personal amendment, not a committee amendment, to the committee amendments and I would ask that the Clerk, if I may, Mr. President, have him read that amendment of mine.

SENATOR CLARK: The Clerk will read it.

CLERK: Senator, it is referenced on page 1234 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, it is printed in the Journal, correct.

CLERK: Would you still like me to read it, Senator?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, if you would please.

CLERK: (Read Carsten amendment as found on page 1234 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Now, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to deal with the amendment to the committee amendments. And the reason for this amendment, and I want to emphasize again to you, this is not a committee amendment, it is my own amendment. But in light of the committee amendments and the bill itself, we have had numerous communications from counties saying that they were being hurt very badly. In reexamining our proposal along with the director or executive secretary of the County Officials Association we have looked at another alternative that seemed to be appropriate to be addressed in this area of a distribution formula. Using dollar amounts of property taxes paid by county as it is percentagewise according to the total of the state, we have taken from the cities \$1 million which leaves them \$17.9 million which as we understand it and as we believe to be measured correctly as best we can, will not hurt them but will change the county to \$17.7 million replacing the Medicaid which we had in the original bill. So what it does is designed as an alternative to using the counties funds to