

taxes. I would suggest that given the action of this body and the history of this body that that relief will not be forthcoming. There have been some very serious efforts made to attempt to resolve this problem. Once again, as many times before, my message may fall on deaf ears but let me tell you that when the message comes from the folks at home it will be a different message because the facts are going to be brought home to them at the county treasurer's office when they pay their taxes and they are not going to like it. I would think you would have to review those figures carefully. I do not have them on my desk but review them. And while only yesterday we heard the pleadings from the City of Lincoln for some relief, as we heard from years past from the City of Omaha to give them some special help and there isn't any doubt in the minds of most of us that the population shift will eventually place the control of this body with the urban legislators. For that reason there ought to be some concern on the part of all of us to be equitable because the time will come when equity is not going to be a matter of discussion on this floor. But you cannot in good conscience, notwithstanding my good friend Senator Howard Peterson's revelation that Grand Island is going to do all right this time. Eventually the old wheel comes full circle, Howard, and picks us up and squashes us. So I would hope that you would not accept the amendment to the committee amendment and that you would at least in the absence of the willingness of this body to take a good long look at a major effort to redo the revenue situation of this state, at least extend the old formula for one more year. I would have to say this in retrospect to what Senator Kremer said about 726 when he said he didn't like to shoot the duck on the set. I wish the Revenue Committee, Senator Carsten, would give me a chance to shoot 964 out of the sky. I would be willing to take my chances on the floor but unfortunately I've not been able to get that bill on the floor for four years, notwithstanding no serious opposition to the bill. Instead we'd work at it piecemeal bit by bit, piece by piece...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the cities, the counties, the schools, none of them know where they are at from year to year. We are creatures of habit. None of us likes surprises. Local governments cannot work with surprises. You're going to give most of the local governments with the exceptions of Lincoln and Omaha a very serious surprise if this amendment is adopted, one which will come back to haunt you in time to come.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, then Senator Haberman.