

of three, my agricultural district loses over \$1,300,000. The schools in one county in my district lose \$226,000 or 50%. The Douglas County schools gain 4. plus million. So not only does agriculture put 3.6 billion, Senator Newell and Mayor Doyle, into Omaha, Boyle, thank you. He had so much trouble getting on a horse the other day I got his name mixed up. We not only put 3.6 billion into Omaha, now you want to rape us out west for a couple of million and I don't think that is fair. Let's stop and think that agriculture is Nebraska and you don't want to kill the goose that lays the golden billions of dollars. They are in trouble out there, real trouble. So let's do not pass the amendment. Let's try the formula one more year and I am asking you to stop and think what you are doing to agriculture if you pass this the way it is now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I hate to support this measure in a lot of ways because a lot of the rural areas are going to lose significant amounts. But in the Revenue Committee we've worked on this year after year and it is the eventual fallout of LB 518. There is no other way that I can see or has been presented to the Revenue Committee to constitutionally distribute this money and I think it would be irresponsible not to move out with a distribution system that will be held constitutional so that we don't go into a special session of the Legislature to get that money out. I think anything short of its passage will probably mean a special session of the Legislature and the delay in passing those funds out. The only real mistake this Legislature made was the passage of 518 with the pretext that we could continue the distribution of the funds and funded by the sales-income tax system. It never was going to work and never will because the Constitution requires that there be some reasonable rationale for distributing these funds and we have not had a method that would do better than this for the rural areas offered to the committee that appears in any way to be constitutional. So I certainly support the Carsten amendment and the passage of this bill so that these funds are passed out to the subdivisions of government. I feel it is the only realistic choice, the only reasonable thing for this body to do so I urge the adoption of the Carsten amendment. Those of us that opposed 518 took a lot of flak in doing it from some of the rural areas but it was obvious that this problem was going to come about in the future and I think it is time we do the only responsible thing and assure the continued distribution of those funds in a constitutional manner.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle, for the second time.