

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I didn't get it all said the first time I guess. I'm a little bit surprised and hurt at the attitude of Senator Newell who is of course running for the county board in Douglas County. If his county were losing 50% of that instead of gaining \$4 million, I think he would pipe a much different tune. He wouldn't get six votes. I'm also disappointed perhaps in Senator Peterson because now that Grand Island is going to fare pretty well, why, he has abandoned ship. There just isn't any way we're going to be able to solve this problem if we don't work at it and I just cannot see how this body can "shnooker" those of us that live in the less populated areas to this extent. If your own budget would drop the amount that we are talking about, and I have letter after letter and figures after figures that I could quote you, Franklin County and the schools alone will lose \$147,000. Kearney County will lose \$229,000. Nuckolls County will lose \$150,000, \$157,000 and Webster County will lose \$88,000. Now Buffalo County will gain \$96,000 but that is not distributed equally either. The city, I'm sure the larger towns in the area like perhaps Ravenna, Gibbon, maybe Shelton, I don't know, but Kearney will get the biggest share of it and that is where I pay taxes so I ought to be glad too but I can't do that. I have to look at the whole picture of the State of Nebraska. We have our own problems out there. They have a lot of problems besides this particular funding. There is a lot of transportation involved. There is a declining enrollment involved. There is a poor farm economy as several of you have mentioned. There is an uprising against the property tax and what we're doing is just rubbing salt right into the wound. I don't know, perhaps the way the tide is turning you are going to pass this amendment and the bill and if you do, you have "shnookered" and slapped in the face hundreds and hundreds of school districts in small communities in outstate Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Call the question if there is no other speakers.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.