

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Carsten to close on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, first of all, I want to say to Senator Johnson, one of my most faithful and hard-working committee members, who has stood up and opposed my amendment, was one along with me that charged our Revenue Committee to take the bull by the horns and put something to the floor with some leadership role. So we advanced 816. I really feel a little let down, Senator Johnson, that we have done that and with my amendment helping a little bit more, that you have taken the position that you have, but be that as it may. I know you are sincere and I appreciate all your help. But, ladies and gentlemen, you are sitting here today gambling on one of the biggest races as far as governmental subdivisions are concerned that you have for some time. Do you want governmental subdivisions to get the money when they are supposed to have it whether it is correct and just or whether it isn't at all? And I suggest to you with all the sincerity that I have, that you will be back here trying again, along with the Revenue Committee to figure out a just and equitable distribution formula as I honestly believe that you are going to find the court decision, if and when it comes, if you don't adopt this, that you are going to be in the same boat. There has never been an approach that we have examined on the distribution of these formulas that has not, Senator Kahle, "snookered" somebody, nor will you ever, to the best of my knowledge and ability, find a solution that will not "snooker" somebody. It is impossible. We have tried time and time again to find one that is as near equal as we can and we have, Senator Johnson, on the floor now, that leadership role with this bill that you and I worked so hard and pleaded so desperately with the committee to do, to pass for something of a permanent nature. I would hope that this body is as concerned about the constitutionality of the distribution of these dollars as I am and that the people that are relying on it can be assured that it is going to be forthcoming regardless of the amount that they get there and know that it will be there. With that, Mr. President, I again urge you to think seriously when you vote on this amendment to the committee amendment and keep that in mind. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the adoption of the Carsten amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. It takes a simple majority. Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.