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we're having some opposition and I can understand why. We're not going to have any chance at all and it seems to me that you have three choices. You gamble with the present distribution formula and coming back and spending a lot of dollars, spending a lot of time when some of us need to be home campaigning and trying to make a living, back here trying to figure this out. The other thing that is solid that we tried to do a couple of years ago and got out to bits with was the reinstatement of the assessment process and I still believe that that is the one that is the most accurate that could be used, be documented and be unquestionably sound. In light of the fact that we don't have that before us but have this in the amended version, I would move that these committee amendments as amended be then adopted.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1265 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. The next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp had an amendment printed. That was found on page 1042. He wishes to withdraw that and offer instead an amendment to the bill that is Request #2850, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, so you know the substitute, it is identical to the amendment in the book. It has the emergency clause and it has a numerical correction on statute numbers, that's all. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we've battled over the issue of distribution of property tax relief money for about a dozen years and of course the issue of what is constitutional or not constitutional comes up regularly but I want to review the history, review what this amendment will do and lay out loud and clear, that if we go ahead on this proposal as adopted, if we do go ahead, I think it will write for the State of Nebraska as the only state in the United States the principle that if you want to give money out, if you want to do needs, if

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