

yourselves for all the future. Now, yes, Omaha and Lincoln, the temptation is indeed strong to seize the moment to grab the bucket of money and run and, yes, indeed the counties say, well Senator Cal Carsten's last amendment gives us a little bit more money now, eases it a little bit but you're like Jacob and Esau. You're running in and you're saying, oh golly, I'll take the pot of porridge now and trade away my birthright, trade away your rights for the future, trade away your system of taxation. I urge you to adopt this amendment and I sincerely believe that a Supreme Court, knowing the facts, particularly the record we've established, that we don't think it is arbitrary and capricious. I happen to believe they will say, yes, if you're providing property tax relief which is a legitimate function of the Legislature, then you can provide it based upon the value of property. There isn't anything more logical, I don't think. The Supreme Court, or I should say, that district judge made one big mistake as have some of the attorneys and some of the individuals in here that are opposing this and that mistake is they say we're trying to reimburse for the amounts lost for personal property. That is not the purpose. We can't do that probably. What we can do is mitigate overall property taxes, high property taxes, which resulted from eliminating the revenue from personal property by a use of a sales and income tax distribution formula such as we're doing and that is what our purpose is, to mitigate excessive property taxes and mitigate them particularly where they receive the most damage as a result of elimination of personal property. I do urge you to adopt it. Let the Supreme Court tell us what our limits are as legislators, our constitutional limits, not a district judge, let us not throw in the towel before we've ever stepped into the ring. And you rurals, realize that you are giving away your future. You're giving away your future clear and crisp. Yes, you say, well maybe we can handle it next year. Let's be practical, fellows. You're not going to have more numbers next year. You are going to have fewer. If you win the Supreme Court decision, you're way ahead. If you lose, you're certainly, certainly no worse off than you would be than if you go ahead with what you've just done. I urge you to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: We're going to quit at four-thirty. We have twenty-two minutes left. We've got six speakers on. Senator Newell is next. Not here, Senator Wesely. Oh, there is Senator Newell. Go ahead.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp argues that one little old district judge has ruled and it don't mean nothing. We really have to go to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has ruled too, by the way.