

SENATOR CLARK: Alright, we have eight minutes left.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I'll withdraw the motion.

SENATOR CLARK: What is the motion riding on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten, do you want to take it up? Alright, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee has done a good job. He put in a lot of hours but I ask you, Senators, and I ask you, Senator Newell, how many of you can tell me right now what happens to your districts in dollars and cents? Do you gain or lose in the schools, in the county and the cities? How can you vote for something when you do not have the information? You don't know what the formula, you don't know what the bill is going to do to your schools and your counties and your cities. Right or wrong, you don't know. You're voting on something that you don't know anything about because you don't have the figures. Now how can you stand here and intelligently vote on something when you don't have the figures of what you are voting on? You're voting on a pig in a poke. So whether the figures are right or wrong, you don't know what you're voting on. I do, all except for the cities because I dug it out and it took my aide hours and hours and hours to do it but nobody had any time to do it. Other senators now have their aides working on digging out what exactly happens to each district. Sure Senator Newell is going to stand up here and say this is good because he knows he is going to make a lot of money but the rest of you senators who are on the borderline, you don't know where you're at and I say to all of you, even you senators from Omaha, just because you gain a lot of money, you're voting blind because you don't know. It is not Senator Carsten's fault or the Revenue Committee's fault you don't know because they couldn't get the figures either. And it behooves me that this body, this body that can condemn a man to the electric chair can't get their hands on the figures they need to know what happens when we pass a bill and I say we're wrong to pass a bill without having those figures. Now if this can't wait a week or ten days until we can get the figures, then everybody who votes for this has got a lot of explaining to do to the taxpayers and to their constituents because you are voting blind. At least you know what you are doing on the death penalty. You don't know what you're doing on this bill. So that is what I am objecting to and I'm saying again,