SENATOR NEWELL: I know. Quiet them down would help, that way I don't have to yell. Mr. President, it is not with great satisfaction that I even offer what seems to be an amendment that ought not be necessary, ought not even be the case. I can appreciate that the Appropriations Committee senses an opportunity to raise a million and a half from local governments, but I will tell you the precedent that we set here...the precedent that we set here is absolutely the wrong and the worst precedent that we can set. If state government is so destitute that we have to steal from the local subdivisions, the governmental subdivisions that deliver the services, provide the services that the people we represent want and need, and they are the people that do that, if we get so destitute we have to steal from them, break our commitments, and that is exactly what is being proposed here today, it is probably the most shameless things I have seen. We have not increased state aid. We have not increased this fund since it has been established, but to cut from it, in fact, is absolute sheer hypocrisy. No matter what the excuse, it is wrong. Now I will try to deal very briefly with what Senator Warner talked about when he said, look, there is $4 million that doesn't belong to anybody because the Revenue Committee took it away from the little subdivisions.

SENATOR CLARK: (Gavel). Sergeant at Arms, could you get everyone in their seats, please.

SENATOR NEWELL: The Revenue Committee did not determine to take it away from all the little subdivisions. It said that we can distribute that money more efficiently and aid the property taxpayer whose pocket it actually comes out of by sending it through existing state aid formulas instead of writing a $50 check, a $30 check, a $20 check to some local subdivision like a fire district or cemetery district, etcetera. That is what we did, but the commitment was to distribute the same dollars, $70 million. Now that is what we ought to be discussing, how we can turn our backs and say the property tax relief is something that we haven't increased, is something that we can forget because we are in hard times. It is a precedent we ought not set. But I will tell you Senator Warner, it couldn't have happened to Senator Warner at a better time because, you know, we have got Senator Schmit over here who says $70 million isn't adequate, we need to increase that to $200 million. That is what Senator Schmit says. We will use the same formula but we will increase it to $200 million and that will make things right. But Senator Schmit gets up today because he doesn't like the way 816 is which is the side issue of distribution of that money, and he says, you know what, a million and a half don't mean anything anyway. We can't do it adding