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at this microphone and got uptight a few other times when you were doing yourselves in here on railroad taxes and a bunch of other things and tried to warn you you were cutting your own goldarned throats. Well, now you rural Senators, and I hate to make it a rural-urban split because it doesn't need to be, you rural Senators, be a little fair to yourselves and to your district, you sure as blazes have been fair to Omaha and Lincoln over the years.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: You have given them their sales taxes when they needed them. You have given them everything else, just don't cut your throats on 816 formulas. That is what is going to happen. I urge you to reject this amendment, or if Senator Koch wants to deal with the \$95 million, the state aid portion, fine, he can do that without bringing 816A into this bill. He can make his amendments in 816A properly. I urge you to do that or reject this amendment in its present form.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker, the Chair takes pleasure in introducing some guests of Senator Wesely, some seventeen 4th Grade students from Trinity Lutheran School here in Lincoln, Nebraska, with Mrs. Beth Koehler, their teacher. They are up here in the north balcony. Would Trinity Lutheran wave to us so we know where they are? Right up here. Welcome, Trinity Lutheran. The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think if anybody is panicking this morning, and I hate to see such a young person get in that state, Senator DeCamp is there. And I know he is uptight, and I appreciate that, and I know he is sincere and very desirous of doing that which he believes is right for his district as well as the state, and I recognize that fact. I don't think, and I seriously don't think we are jeopardizing anything by adopting this amendment. We have no assurances that Senator DeCamp's amendment to 816 won't be adopted, and that won't change anything, only the dollars, and I assure Senator DeCamp that there is probably enough support if his amendment is adopted to defer that until December also, if that is held constitutional. I know that it is a serious situation but it is also serious out in the country, as John well knows, and there is money being held up right now that is significant to the school districts that have problems, and I think we need to address that. I see no problem as far as I am concerned with what we are doing here

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