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and that certainly those if adopted could also help us through any problems that might exist. So I think that in the interest of open honest discussion that Senator DeCamp should be allowed the chance to argue 816 and that urban Senators should not try and play games with him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, you may close.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, I am sorry we got involved in an issue that is very delicate and emotional. All we are saying in this amendment is that the general aid, \$95 million, that we presently appropriate to the public schools under our School Foundation and Equalization Act will be distributed as nearly as possible on nine equal payments and this is a concession by the boards and by the school administrators since last year as Senator Fowler alluded to we did override the Governor and said the schools would get 25 percent entitlement. We understand the crush of the money problem in this state and all the schools are trying to do is to help to alleviate that problem as much as we can. Under the second part of this amendment really it just says, in case there is any additional money appropriated to the school lands or foundation and equalization section under possibly the passage of 816A, it shall be distributed under seven equal payments beginning in December of this year, but that doesn't say it is appropriated, it just says in case there is an appropriation it shall be then paid out to the schools under seven equal payments. So I don't foresee the things that Senator DeCamp foresees, and I am sorry Senator DeCamp got so involved in this. We will deal with 816 I think at another time probably this day, so I am asking that you return LB 933 for this amendment. If 816A doesn't go as some people think it might or may not, then the Department of Education absolutely ignores this part of the proposal because there won't be any money to send back under seven equal payments. We will just get them under nine for this \$95 million we presently get. I ask that you return 933 to Select File for this specific amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Motion is the return for the specific amendment that Senator Koch has described. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Again I remind you we are still on Final Reading, believe it or not, and everybody is supposed to be at your desk. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 8 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

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