

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR CARSTEN: ...with that in mind I suggest to you that our Revenue Committee in this interim, with a couple of proposals that have been presented to us in this session, will be looking at this overall picture and I would hope that also in this interim that the workers for various approaches would sit down with me and look at this total picture and then rather than continue to fight one another, we may be able to come up with an agreeable procedure. With that, I would suggest to you that you give careful consideration to this amendment which, if it is constitutional, will remain in place but if not, there is a backup for it ...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up.

SENATOR CARSTEN: ...which the Revenue Committee has presented to you. Thank you, Mr. President. I would hope you would think about this very seriously when you cast your vote.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce that we have 25 seniors from Deshler, the teacher being Ron Streit. They are in the North balcony near Senator Apkings's district. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Also under the North balcony we have the daughter of Senator Beyer, Dianne Schnell, Mrs. Connie Walters. They are with the Sarpy Superstars 4-H Club from Gretna, Nebraska. They are visiting the capitol today. Would you stand up and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature, all of you. The next speaker is Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would very much like to vote for this amendment because I think it would favor the rurals in holding and retaining at least a share, a large share of what they have, but I will have to oppose this amendment because I don't think it is workable, simply unworkable. If the district court decision is upheld and either way it goes, the subdivisions will have to budget on the basis of the lowest amount of state dollars that they might get, to have sound, fiscal planning throughout the year. This will shove money onto the real estate tax system either way the court decision goes and I do not feel that it is probable the court decision will uphold the existing law and distribution formula and overturn the district court decision. I think we're taking a long shot bet if we adopt the amendment on this basis. But even if this happens, we are going to create surpluses for the subdivisions whichever way it goes. They are going to have to budget on the basis of the lowest amount they might get through either