

the only equitable way it can be unless there is some overriding social purpose that would dictate departure from that particular principle and to my knowledge, and I have not heard on the floor anyone state, any social purpose as to why we should depart from that particular principle...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...making an analogy to the federal government. How would you feel on general revenue sharing if the federal government decided to give more money for some reason to Louisiana or to Nevada or to Connecticut? Unless you believe that there is some overriding social purpose to that kind of maldistribution, I think you would agree that it should not be done and bringing that back on the state level, unless you can conceive in your mind of some overriding social purpose to giving more money to the rural areas, then I submit to you that you should come back to the only principle that is a just principle and that is distributing the money more or less in accordance with how much the taxpayer, the income and sales taxpayers in particular areas pay into the government. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, there have been some things said that don't add up very well. But to start with I think that I'm concerned about how this vote is going to come out mainly by senators who represent cities outside of Lincoln, Omaha and Bellevue in thinking that their area is going to get a bonanza out of this set up, forgetting about their trade areas. I'm glad to report that the City of Kearney which has a large trade area to the south which I represent, a large trade area to the north that Senator Lamb and Senator Wagner represent, while the City of Kearney would gain under this and even Buffalo County would gain under the 816 formula, the City of Kearney has gone on record as being opposed to 816 because they know where their bread is buttered and where the trade area is. It just ceases to amaze me people like Senator Beutler keep telling us that, my goodness, look at all the sales tax that we're collecting in Omaha and Lincoln and Grand Island and Columbus and Fremont and those counties are suffering because they don't get it back. Where in the devil do you suppose that trade is coming from that goes into those areas? We just...my family just bought some new machinery and I bought some pipe yesterday for our irrigation. We paid some twelve hundred dollars in sales tax that is going to be credited to Buffalo County and I live in Kearney County so it doesn't mean a darn thing and I get awful upset when you do that because if you will look at those figures, every