

going to be preparing budgets probably without a firm knowledge of how much state support it will receive. Now perhaps some of you are comfortable putting those local political subdivisions in this situation but frankly I am not and I would urge defeat of this proposal at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator VonMinden.

SENATOR VonMINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of Senator DeCamp's amendment. In my district it really makes no difference which way I go. Two counties are penalized and one county gains. The rurals are penalized. I rise mostly, 284 last year gouged the farmers quite a bit. It was the most perfect bill. If it was the most perfect bill a year ago how could it be so unperfect this year? I would like to say to the body also, approximately a little over a year ago Senator Goll made a statement. He said, how agriculture goes, so goes small towns. So goes main street, I think he said. I want the body to think about that, how agriculture goes, so goes the State of Nebraska. Again, I want to say, 284 was voted in last year by I think about 34 votes to 11 against it and the A bill about 36 to 9. If it was a good bill a year ago, it certainly has to be a good bill this year. As far as being unconstitutional I think Senator DeCamp's is real fair. If it is unconstitutional, we revert back to 816. I certainly think we should go along with Senator DeCamp's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the DeCamp amendment although I also am not enthused with it. I do not believe the amendment adequately deals with the problem of revenue distribution to local subdivisions. We've talked about it many, many times. We will continue to talk about it as the balance of power shifts from one area to another, the issue will shift and the emphasis will shift. Senator Hoagland says that we should not abdicate our responsibility to the Supreme Court. I'd like to remind him that back before the time that Senator Hoagland was a member of this body the Legislature made a decision and they said that we will exempt from personal taxes certain classes of property and we will tax that property differently and then the state will send back to the local subdivisions the revenues they have lost. As Senator Kahle pointed out, certain classes of property pay substantial amounts of income tax, pardon me, substantial amounts of sales tax. Those taxes are paid