

future and I would like to more than anything, tell you about that future. Senator Newell has explained it to me graphically in the last week or so. It is the Newell formula that he has been working on for years that is now the 816 formula. Senator Newell said to me, Johnny, you are going to lose, you are going to lose, you are going to lose, you are going to lose and he said it doesn't matter if you lose this year because next year we are going to have more and the urbans are going to beat you and we are going to start doing what we want, and he is right. And I repeat, that is why in the past I have made a religion almost of trying to look at the entire state, what is good for Omaha, what is good for Lincoln, what is good for Neligh and look at the entire picture rather than a very isolated picture. Now the first thing I want to warn you about is you do not have a formula in 816 as it now exists. What you have is simply three buckets, cities, counties, schools and each year it is simply a contest to see who can muster votes to put money in different buckets in whatever quantity. It is simply a numbers game with no predictability and no tie to anything stable and no real goal on property tax relief or anything. It is simply a contest of numbers and, yes, you've got the numbers. You've got them now and I realize that but as to some of those arguments raised against the amendment by Senator Fenger, for example. Senator Fenger said, well, we've discovered there is an Attorney General's opinion and a court case against this bill. There was the Attorney General's opinion and we knew very well that we'd probably have a district court decision against us. The whole idea last year was to generate the Supreme Court decision so we would know for the future our limits on everything. And, Senator Fenger, and I know you're sincere in this because no man ever saw so much money flow so fast to one place as it is going to flow to Bellevue under the new proposal, but Bellevue and Senator Fenger should realize as Scarlet O'Hara said, "There is always tomorrow," and tomorrow this Legislature might wake up and realize that Bellevue for example is the only place almost on the planet where vast amounts of money from Washington are not deducted from the vast amounts of money from the state. They have a special deal. If we ever treated Bellevue the way other states do, they'd lose as much or more than they gain but we haven't. We've tried to be fair. We've tried to look at the entire picture on Bellevue and said, you've got a specialized situation. We'll give you the state aid dollars, we will give you the equalization formula which benefits you from your lack of property and we'll give you your Washington dollars without even counting them against all that. So look at the whole picture, Senator Fenger. As to Senator Beutler proclaiming that Lancaster County is ninety-second out of the ninety-