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LB 816

Rights Week from April 18 to April 24. It says, "Please join us to meet Marlene Young from Washington, D.C., who is the Executive Director of the national organization of Victims' Assistance. Signed, Carol Pirsch." The next amendment.

CLERK: Senator Newell would move to suspend Rule 6, Section 5, Rule 7, Section 3 and vote on the advancement of LB 816 without further debate or further amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I filed this motion some time ago fearing that there might be a number of amendments offered to 816 to prevent its being dealt with this session. Senator DeCamp per his agreement has withdrawn those amendments but there are still other amendments pending on LB 816 and I think that I, for one, and I think that Senator DeCamp can agree, provided an opportunity to have the best shot that was available through the DeCamp amendment. Now frankly, that has been the essence and the primary issue of this whole debate. LB 816 is needed if we are going to avoid a special session. LB 816 is a distribution formula which, even though there are people that aren't happy with it, is the most rurally oriented formula that can be devised and yet be constitutional. And so I offer this amendment so we can prevent a great deal of time on this issue, get an up or down vote on 816, see whether or not we can deal with it as we are intended to and I would urge this body to consider this amendment very seriously so that we can, in fact, get to other more pressing business. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch. Is Senator Koch in the Chamber? Senator Haberman. See if your mike works. It is not working. Use the other mike, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose this amendment. I passed out a little slip of paper and I hope you look at it. It says, "Growing debts, slumping profits plague farmers." If you pass LB 816, you won't see headlines like that because there won't be any farmers. Now Senator DeCamp touched a little bit on what I am going to talk about and Senator Newell has been screaming about it for two days, state aid, state aid. Well for the information of this body, at the present time there is a form of state aid in the amount of \$39 million going to Omaha and Douglas County. There is \$4,400,000 from the school lands fund and they have a hundred and fifty-nine acres. There is \$1,569,575 from property taxes from the school land that was sold so that is double dipping.