

facts and when that time comes there will be counties and cities and schools which will find themselves in a serious situation and that will be the responsibility of all of us. So while I support the Carsten amendment I'm asking you to take a good, long look at what you are doing anyway.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there anyone else that wishes to speak to the Carsten amendment? I've got about five or six or seven lights but none of them seem to want to talk to that amendment. Then the question before the House is the adoption of the Carsten amendment. Do you want to close? Okay. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Carsten's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The Carsten amendment is adopted. The next amendment, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, we then revert back to Senator Vickers' amendment on page 1545.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think this amendment stands about as much chance as a snowball in an oven but I believe that a little bit of philosophical discussion about what we are doing here this morning is in order. What my amendment would do very simply is to take the \$82.6 million that we're discussing about in LB 816 and put the whole works in the state aid to education. Now I'm not going to say that that is going to help my district because it is not. In the end property taxes are still going to go up in my district generally. In the end it is still going to help the more urban areas of this state which is exactly what LB 816 is going to do, and all designed about. The \$82.6 million would be distributed on the foundation basis, the population of the school itself. The thing I think we need to stop and think about is what is the responsibility of this state as far as property tax relief is concerned? Where is the biggest problem as far as property taxes are concerned? Now I had a bill, LB 210, that is going to die in a couple of days that would have put more monies into the schools of this state from the sales and income tax and I have firmly believed all along that that was the direction we should go in regards to property tax relief.