

I would like to ask you to support my hold harmless clause amendment to LB 816.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on it? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I need to ask Senator Haberman a question or two. Senator Haberman, I'm sure that you are familiar with the fact that we are changing the distribution formula. We are going . . . breaking these dollars out and sending them through the state aid formula under foundation aid and to the counties under effort and to the cities in terms of population. Now your hold harmless amendment basically, basically, would simply leave everything the way it is today, isn't that correct? Under 284. Would make no change. You are basically offering a kill motion, if you will, on LB 816.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, that is not true.

SENATOR NEWELL: What is your intent Senator Haberman?

SENATOR HABERMAN: My intent is that the formula be changed or whatever necessary, if we have to pump more money into the kitty we pump more money, that nobody receives less money than they are receiving now, and those who receive more money under the formula get more money.

SENATOR NEWELL: Right, Senator Haberman. . .

SENATOR HABERMAN: Now how that kills the bill, I don't understand. It says that, if you read the amendment it doesn't have anything about that, Senator Newell, so I don't see how you can . . . go ahead and ask me another question, I'll wait.

SENATOR NEWELL: I think when we work on my time instead of yours, this is my time, so I will discuss this. I don't see in the Haberman amendment the additional monies necessary to create a hold harmless clause. I think Senator Haberman, if he is serious about this amendment, he ought to offer it either as a kill motion or he ought to offer whatever appropriations is necessary to make it work, or he should just strike the language under LB 816 and insert the language under LB 284. If he is serious, he would do it that way. Because in fact, I think this is one of those frivolous amendments that do not, is not intended to do anything other than gut LB 816 and not in a very forthright way, either. So, I would encourage my