

colleagues to oppose Senator Haberman's attempts to play games with this bill, reject them and let us move on to more important issues.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, did you want to talk on the Haberman amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support the Haberman amendment. I think the issue has been discussed for a long period of time. I know that it perhaps falls on deaf ears to argue about equity. I think perhaps that it is kind of interesting that certain individuals have spoken to me over the lunch hour about the necessity of voting for a certain kind of formula because their city or their district happens to come out ahead. It is kind of interesting also that some of those same people have spoken in terms of interest in statewide or district wide offices. I guess I would have to ask myself how you can travel across the State of Nebraska and talk to 500 villages and cities, most of which will come out on the short end of the present proposal and try to speak in terms of some kind of equity for the area. I think that we have got a situation which is rapidly deteriorating. I know that it is always interesting to see how the issue shapes up. But, it is going to be real difficult as the issue develops to try to put together the necessary votes, I suppose, for some of those bills which are very important to all of us. I think you are making decisions here that will have a profound impact upon government, not just in the city of Lincoln, but across the length and breadth of Nebraska. As I said earlier, decreasing property valuations across the entire state are going to throw many cities and counties, school districts into a financial crunch that will be absolutely impossible to cope with. You must remember that many of those second class cities and villages, and of course all of the school districts, do not have the ability to levy a sales tax, get themselves out of a spot. So, as a result, when the issue is determined, it will be embarrassing indeed for some of us to have to say that we did this or we did that because it was good for my own little part of the world. I would ask you to support the Haberman amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I must have an exceptionally good district because I haven't had one single person talk to me about supporting 816. And Buffalo