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County, the City of Kearney especially, and Grand Island, that is Hall county, not one person has come to me. So I think they are pretty fair and reasonable and I think that means they know that 816 is not a fair bill. It does not distribute this money the way it should be. I certainly support practically anything that will change 816. We need to get a balance. We need to do it fairly, we need to do it honestly and for the good of Nebraska and good for each one. Please, do this.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those wishing to cease debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Haberman, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is fun to call the question when you have got the votes. I know how the other senators feel. But here a few years ago when I was a freshman senator, more freshman than I am now, we had a railroad bill that I think Senator Cullan had introduced. My district lost about \$300,000. So, I came up with this same idea, this hold harmless clause idea and I was told at that time that it would never work because it was unconstitutional. At that time I didn't have the staff that I have now and I didn't know that the state was already doing this or I would have tried to have that hold harmless clause put on that train bill that Senator Cullan introduced that took so much money from western Nebraska and gave it to Alliance and his district. So, possibly the formula would have to be reworked. Possibly we might have to put some more money into this, we don't know. But, in all fairness, and I can see now that probably it isn't going to pass, but I felt duty bound and honor bound to give Senator Newell a chance to show his fairness that he has been asking for on the Legislative floor, with the hold harmless clause and if we have to kick more money into it, we will do it. So, with that, Mr. President, I would ask you to support the amendment. Then we will go on with 816. Thank you.