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SENATOR CLARK: Seantor Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the smaller subdivisions receive less than 5% of the total amount of dollars that is involved here, from the state level. It was our opinion in the drafting of this bill that these smaller governmental subdivisions were more closely related to the property than the other. I have an amendment up there that takes \$600,000 away from the schools, but it goes back to schools in ESU's. I intend to withdraw that at the proper time and I would certainly would hope that Senator Kremer would agree that his amendment would also be degrading to the bill and that inasmuch as belt tightening is in order, NRD's along with others are going to have to tighten also. I can not speak in support of his amendment, even though I have a lot of sympathy and support for NRD's but not at this point. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. Those that wish to cease debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

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

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Kremer, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I only want to point out one thing. I want to emphasize this. Last year, last year the counties received \$16,644,159. This year that has been increased to \$17,700,000. All the NRD's got last year was just a little short of \$700,000. They are getting none of that at all. I am, in this amendment, asking that we appropriate \$700,000, taking it away from the counties and giving it to the NRD's because of the shortage of money that they are going to have. The counties are still going to get a little more than they got last year, while if we do not adopt this amendment, the NRD's won't get any. It is only fair. The