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fair and equitable and for the reasons we set that 518 up for when it was passed. 816 is not the answer. The worst part of 816 is the fact that we are going to have it from now to kingdom come. You are not going to get it changed next year, if we allow it to happen this year. No one is. We are not going to have the votes, we probably don't have them today, we sure as the dickens won't have them after this thing once sets in and we are stuck with the distribution the way you are trying to do it today. So, what I am saying, I'm pleading with you, lets put a little bit of that personal property tax back on so that we have the necessary tool to distribute whatever money the State of Nebraska might be willing to put in there. I think we need some in there. I told you this morning, the taxes on machinery, we are not getting that back under the present formula. You would under this formula. The problem with the . . . across county lines that I mentioned this morning that we buy in one county and have our machinery and livestock in another. This would be solved because you go to your own county, make you assessment with the assessor for your personal property, doesn't make any difference where you bought it. That settles that argument. So, I just, I know that it is late in the session and I know that we are in a bind and many of you would like to get on to other bills, but personally I just can not accept 816, it just is too hard a pill to take. It doesn't relate to what we started out to do in 1977. So with that, I'm not even going to use up the rest of my time. The bill is written and now we have a draft from the bill drafters office that I have laid on your desk, it is a bit different from the one we drew up this morning, but it has the same things in it. The money would be distributed in seven payments to the counties and it would be distributed then on whatever the mill levy levied against their total fund amounts too. It is fair, it is equitable. We are going to have some people complain because they don't like the personal property tax, but it is too bitter of a pill to take, to lose that kind of funding out in the State of Nebraska. Somebody mentioned it before today, who knows what they want to change next year to change this funding around to make it again look better for those who happen to have the votes. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: (No response).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,

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