

I rise to oppose the Kahle amendment. Martin's points were well taken. At one time I was most anxious to see this kind of proposal take place. It has always been my contention, back in 1977, when 518 came about that we should be instead of extending that and finalizing the exemptions we should go back and roll them back until we no longer had that exemption. But the rural and urban forces that combine to bring us 1241 in the 1971 session and 518 in the 1977 session those forces says we don't want to pay the tax. And, they don't. They were successful. Now, the argument has always been the preferable way would have been to, in fact, if you are going to have this exemption just give the exemption, provide no state aid and that would have been the right kind of exemption to provide. I stood on this floor in 1977 and I said the only person who really understands this issue and is voting in the best interest and the long term best interest of their district is Senator Bill Burrows of Adams. He said, I should be voting for 518. I said at the time and the reason I should is it puts a 70 million dollar lid on this thing. I should have. I'm glad they beat me. At this point and time, I'm not really glad they beat me, but at this point and time I have been beat. When I am beat I understand that I have been beat. So to replace personal property tax back on the tax rolls, I'm opposed to it, I urge this body to be opposed to it. Those exemptions were given fair and square. The only question now is the distribution of the money. That is what 816 is about. Let me make one last point. Senator Kahle's amendment to put 10% back on is really an amendment to create the old coalition. That is what the amendment is about. If Senator Kahle would have put 100% back on, we would have understood what this issue was. But that is not what he proposed to do, it is only to put 10% back on to recreate an old coalition. With that in mind I hope that this body would oppose the Kahle amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (No response).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler not here? Senator Koch. Oh, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

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