

relations. That formula you had was written by the cities, demanded by the cities, railroaded if you would through the Legislature last year by me against the rurals, against Kahle, against Hefner, against Schmit with the argument, be fair to the cities. I admit stupidity on my part. I admit stupidity in thinking that the process could operate maybe on somewhat of a whole statewide basis that you would look at the entire state. As a Unicameral we have one House. In other states you have a House for the districts where the people come down and they all see how much they can get for their district and a House for the whole state, the Senate. In Nebraska you've got one House and you've got to be both. I think you forgot the other half today and I think it will haunt us all. No, I'll still continue to do the things I think are best for the state whether they be pension plans that don't affect my district one iota but they need to be done for the first class cities and the metropolitan cities, the Christian school bills, and there ain't a damn one in my district, because they are statewide issues that need to be addressed but I think today will be that day when you really looked just to the district, just a moment in time and grabbed the money and I think it will haunt you for the future, but it may be just Johnny calling sour grapes. We'll see in a year or eighteen months. Peace.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, colleagues, I'll be very brief. We have spoken many, many hours on the various distribution formula we have used over the years and of course it is always a matter of who is in the driver's seat I guess as to whether or not the formula is more or less acceptable but it strikes me as being somewhat strange that at a time when the state faces a crisis and at a time when many subdivisions of government have had real problems, it strikes me strange is the fact that on a number of occasions the City of Omaha has come to this body and has begged and has pleaded for assistance and for the ability to solve their problems, albeit if perhaps at the expense of the rest of the state, albeit sometimes at the personal expense of individual legislators in this body who responded to those pleas and I can think of several occasions when I did that and as Senator DeCamp has pointed out, perhaps to my chagrin and perhaps I was foolish. At the time that I did it once I said, you know if I made a mistake it was an honest mistake. I would prefer today not to see 816 pass. I do not think it will be any greater problem for the State of Nebraska as a whole not to distribute this money and to distribute it in the manner drawn as it is today. Senator DeCamp did try a formula which last year I opposed and I opposed it for a very good reason. I think the valuation formula of distribution is a dangerous one. Temptation is there always to raise