

think that maybe we've got a couple fellows on the floor here that are going to fill in for some of the Doc Middletons and Kid Wades out in our country. They really are trying to ambush us a little bit. This in lieu of taxes has been a real boon to the schools in our district. We have depended on this for so long and found it to be a very fair way to distribute some of our school land monies. There is a possibility that my district could lose \$500,000 with the loss that's in lieu of taxes and I have difficulties with that and so do the people that I have contacted out there. Everybody from my district has called and said, boy, we don't want to lose that thing. Now, for that matter, I don't really go along with Senator Lamb as far as selling the land is concerned either, but the in lieu of taxes is definitely a no-no. We just can't lose that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Chizek for additional discussion, the Chair is pleased to take a moment and suggest that Senators Chizek, Abboud and Beyer have 105 seniors from Millard South High School in the north balcony with their teachers. Would you guests please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you very much. We're extremely pleased to have you with us this morning. Additional discussion on the motion at hand. Senator Chizek, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, I don't blame my good friend, Senator Dierks, for opposing this. If you look at the kind of money that is unequally distributed, I would oppose it also. Senator Lamb talked about robbery. For 15 years, colleagues, that's what we have dealt with here, robbery. There has been an unequal distribution. The Attorney General has identified that there is a problem. Senator Lamb talked about a court case at the district level that was filed by the Millard school district but I think we're going to be a long time before that's resolved, but it's clear what the outcome will be. Now, perhaps we should go back, a little bit of a history lesson that those lands in the eastern end of the state were sold off at the turn of the century. That decision to sell those school lands was made by the governor and the then commissioner of education and for what reason I'm not sure that I know. But if I was my good friend, Senator Haberman, who his share of the split in terms of in lieu of taxes is close to a million dollars. I think my good friend, Senator Lamb, is somewhat close. And I think it's interesting if you look and you see the largest, most populous county in the state, Douglas County, with about \$5,000.