

not hired here to do that which is popular, we were hired to do that which is right and which the law in the Constitution clearly states we have a responsibility to perform. Check your Constitution. Check those constitutional...those two opinions of the Attorney General and if you don't vote to bring this bill to the floor, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to suggest to you that you will be back here in special session and you will be covered with sack cloth and ashes and you will be brought in kicking and screaming and protesting about the injustice of it all. Justice, equity, reason, common sense frequently have nothing to do on this floor. In this instance...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...it happens that it does and you ought to bring this bill to the floor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to ask several questions of Senator Schmit if he would yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Schmit, if, in fact, the school lands are sold, would the taxes that those school lands would render to the counties wherein they lie be less, about the same or more than the in lieu of tax?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, I only have the word of Mr. Gildersleeve in testimony before the Revenue Committee where I heard him state that the total taxes paid to all the subdivisions, as I recall, would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2.4 million, whereas, today there is an in lieu of tax of approximately \$5.4 million being paid.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. When the school lands were sold earlier in the past in the eastern part of the state where was the money placed that was the result of those sales?

SENATOR SCHMIT: School lands were...the money from the sale of those school lands was placed in the permanent school fund,