

is not directly a part of the bill, but one of the problems I have had with using local income tax for school districts is the fact that we have situations where a rancher will live in, say, North Platte but the money is actually earned out in a school district that he does not live in, and so the income from that ranch will be reported in a school district other than where he lives. Now I understand state aid is supposed to take up the slack if there are not sufficient local income tax revenues to support the school, but my concern is that if there is not that amount for various reasons, part of which may be because of nonresident owners, are we going to be assured, in your opinion, that more of the burden will not fall back eventually on property tax just because there is not sufficient revenues from the income tax in that local school district, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I guess that your question is of such length, I don't know how to answer it to tell you the truth.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, if there is not enough, if there is not enough income, you know, if there is not enough income in that district, is there going to be enough state aid to make up the difference there or is there still in that district going to be a very heavy reliance on property tax in the end?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, obviously, it depends on the valuation in that school district. Now what it is, if we want to get into a discussion, I think you understand that to qualify for state aid under this bill, everybody in the state, every district in the state would get a set amount back from income, whatever that percentage would be, that generates in that district, and, two, before they get any state aid, they have to levy a trigger levy before they get any state aid, obviously. Now the amount of state aid, obviously, depends on the valuation in that district. If, you know, a cent, a 1 percent levy in one district is going to give you a whole different than 1 cent in another district, and whatever the state aid guarantees up to the state average, so that is an unknown right now. You don't know what it is going to be until you actually work the numbers.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. I have had...I have had bills in the past which I supported. Senator Landis spelled it out pretty well, I think, the fact that we should have less reliance on property tax, and I agree, and have been attempting at various times to accomplish that. Have not had any success at this point, so I do support the concept, but I do believe that we are