

shipping it out on a strictly per capita basis. That's all this amendment does. I think it is extremely important and good policy that we do some things for those communities who are least able to help themselves and this would help some of those...all of those communities, frankly, that are gainers to do more than they now can do and that's very simply the rationale of this particular amendment. As I said, you have the list. I have, for instance, in my district one community that will lose a few dollars, but others that are poorer that will pick up a few, and if any of you have done that same kind of comparison, some of you will have those kinds of trade-offs. But, for the most part, if you represent small rural communities and small towns, my amendment is good for you. With that explanation, I would ask you to return the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, would you care to discuss the Scofield amendment, followed by Senators Schellpeper, Coordsen and Moore.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll waive my time to Senator Schellpeper.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Basically, the idea behind Senator Scofield's amendment sounds good. The bad thing about it is, it's probably not constitutional. Whenever you have to use an estimated income formula it will not work. Right now there is a court test back east on this same formula and I think rather than jeopardize the aid to our cities, we should pass the bill in its present form. I think if you're going to start moving some of these here funds around, for Lincoln it amounts to about 30, \$40,000. It isn't that much money that we're moving around but, if it's unconstitutional, it isn't going to do any town any good. So I think we need to reject the amendment, move the bill so that we can help our small towns and all towns in Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I've never known when we worried a great deal on this floor about constitutionality. I would say that, under the Scofield amendment, that my 16 communities I represent, the incorporated villages would gain \$9,000 a year. Thank you.