

reduce the amount that they need to raise from property taxes from other sources. And there's a list of those, like public power district sales tax, fines and license fees, nonresident high school tuition, other tuition receipts, transportation receipts, and I could go on and on, whereas the Class I districts will be taxed on the basis of the 10 million, while the K-12 will be taxed on the basis of 6 million. I just...I think that this bill needs a lot of work on it yet. But getting back to Senator Lamb's amendment, I think that Senator Lamb's amendment is a reasonable approach to this and I believe that I will support it at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: Mr. President and members of the body, as a member of a district that is in north central Omaha and totally affiliated, I have some real questions about this. And I think that Senator Withem will be back in a minute and I can ask those. And I guess I could direct it to anybody as far as that goes. I'm honestly trying to figure this out. And I've heard this tax equity over and over again, and that's the point that I would like to focus on, because I honestly want to understand what's happening here. I think probably one claim to fame that I have to mention to the body, whether they listen or not, is that I graduated from the first consolidated high school in the State of Nebraska. And I'm going to enter this into the record, that was Bratton-Union Rural Consolidated High School, District 9C, Humboldt. So I've been involved in some understanding of consolidation, and it has since been reconsolidated into another district. Senator Withem is back now, and so I'd like to ask him a question, if he wouldn't mind, because I'm really trying to figure this out.

SENATOR WITHEM: Be happy to.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR BECK: I think sometimes when we ask one another of our colleagues a question it may be taken as a hostile question, and this is not. I really need to understand what's happening here. I have one question, and it's probably very similar to...maybe it's similar to what Senator Hefner asked. Can we get some kind of fiscal statement as to where these districts are now, so that we could see what would happen to them later. In a sense you answered Senator Hefner no, but could you fill me in on that.