

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Lynch, would you respond to a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lynch, you made quite a dissertation about the financing and the finances and the money and the taxes and the mill levy around Hastings, Nebraska, which is Adams County. May I ask you why you're so interested as to the financing and the issues and the tax and the mill levy in Adams County when you live in Douglas County?

SENATOR LYNCH: Very easily. As long as the inequity exists in the state that does in education, as long as, based on the Syracuse Study we're wasting about 100 million dollars in this state on education that we don't need to waste, we're never going to have a meaningful state aid to education program. And as long as we don't have a meaningful state aid to education program, the people that live in my area and in most areas, and probably 80 percent of the areas of this state will never have a meaningful state aid to education program.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lynch, I have another question. You say equity in education...

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, supporting education.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Equity in education or equity in dollars, which is it?

SENATOR LYNCH: Dollars (interrupted)...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Dollars. Now you're saying that we have to have equity in dollars, everybody should pay the same, is that what you're saying?

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, no, I never did suggest a single state board of education.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But whether you're in a Class I school, or a Class VI school, or K-12 school, or everybody in the school district should pay the same amount, is that what you're saying?