

schools because they didn't want quality education. They resisted it because they knew that the urban taxpayer was eyeing, yes, a little lustfully, the valuation of the farmland. We have, for a variety of reasons, even further damaged ourselves by the passage of a series of bills in the last few years that's going to further increase that disparity. I am going to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, those of you and the rural people on this floor are outnumbered. We don't have the votes. But I find it impossible to understand how a legislator who represents any rural taxpayer can support this bill because it does nothing, it does absolutely nothing insofar as reducing the tax burden on that farm. If you would...if you would take all of the income tax from all over the state and throw it into the pot and then send it back it out, that might mitigate it just a little. But given the present special emphasis upon local income taxes being used for...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...local schools, it does absolutely hardly anything for those local schools. I support the Lamb amendment. It's a small, small help but it's something. And we can talk all we want to about the...about the hold harmless for one year deal. I voted against the property, the railroad hold harmless. I'm going to vote against the pipeline hold harmless. And I think that in this instance what you have done here is say, well, we'll just give one little aspirin for a year or two or three, then we'll proceed. Gentlemen, you have done a lot of work on this bill but the rural taxpayer, the farmer, is going to pay and pay and pay tens of thousands of dollars as opposed to a few thousand dollars from his urban counterpart. It's not equitable.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Lindsay. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Lamb, would you like to close on the adoption of your amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President. I'm pleased to see that Senator Landis came back in because I asked him to come back in