

thought we could probably handle. We sent it to the Revenue Committee where for once we thought we had stacked the Revenue Committee on the side of the rurals to the point where we could not fail to get our bill to the floor. I'm not going to go back over the exact details because it is too painful but I can remember the number of the other bill, LB 816, Senator Vard Johnson and Davey Newell. They called me one day and gave me the bad news. They said 816 is on the floor. So what happened? A massive shift of dollars that were supposed to go back to the rural areas to replace the funds lost from the repeal of the personal property tax were suddenly shifted, shifted to the urban areas, and those local subdivisions who had lost tax dollars didn't have them anymore, didn't have them anymore.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't have the time to tell you all of the scenario that will happen here today, ladies and gentlemen, but I just want to tell you, the bill as drafted, provides a little bit of bait for rural people. But, ladies and gentlemen, once the bill is enacted into law, the bait can be removed, the formula can be changed, the tier formula can be changed, a whole host of things can happen and rural area people will not get the amount of state aid that is even projected in the bill today. I make that as a flat out prediction and, ladies and gentlemen, it will not take too long to prove me right.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Elmer.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Schellpeper, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I think there has been a lot of good comments about this amendment. One of the things that the people, I think, kind of forget sometimes is that if we do nothing, property taxes will