

it. But I will support Senator Hall's amendment but there is such a disparity in total aid and that is the ag land valuation. With that, I just thought it would help the body out with just a few figures.

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, again I rise to support the amendment as it relates to the issue of a reduction in that percentage of amount of state aid that would be guaranteed under the School Foundation and Equalization Act. What we're doing here... and we need to understand that what we're basing this on is not the previous school year. It is not the school year prior to the '91-92 year. It is not the school year prior to the '92-93 year. It is not the school year prior to the '93-94 year, nor even the school year prior to the '94-95 school year. What it is is school year 1989-90. It's the school year that was the first school year when LB 1059 was basically fully in effect. That's the school year that we're basing the 100 percent on. No matter what changes have been made in terms of population in those areas, no matter what changes have been made in terms of valuation for purposes of the school district, no matter what changes that have been made in terms of the school itself, they are frozen in time based on the 1989-90 state aid formula. They don't lose a dime. They do not lose a dime. Their valuation could go up. It could, in effect, and this is not unrealistic at all to say for 1989 to 1995 have a huge increase in the valuation in a school district. One business in a small district that would qualify under this could have the effect of doubling the value in that district. What that means then is that for that period that that increase in valuation is in place, what the State of Nebraska is doing is subsidizing the school district even though changes have been made in the district. Even though changes have been made in terms of the value that's out there, we are going to hold harmless those school districts and we said that we would do it when we originally passed the bill for three years. What Senator Lamb would do in his amendment is add an additional two years to that. He is going to increase it by 66 percent. All I do through this amendment is say that the percentage of guarantee doesn't exceed 80 percent. We're not going to guarantee 100 percent of the state aid. We're going to drop it down to 80 percent. And if we're going to be looking at making