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SENATOR SCHROCK: I was going to call the question, but I hate to cut Senator Haberman short, so I'll yield some time to Senator Haberman if he wants to ask another question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lamb, I received notices from two counties where I own farmland. The valuation has gone down. Now we've heard on this floor that the valuations can remain the same or go up and if it goes up, everybody is doing okay. But what happens if the valuation goes down?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Senator Haberman, as far as state aid is concerned, if valuations go up in a school district then, in general, they get less state aid and if valuations go down, then they get more state aid.

SENATOR HABERMAN: However, they would have to go down quite a bit. For example, Omaha loses \$303,000. Their valuations would have to go down considerably for them to receive that money back when, in fact, their valuations might go up on their houses due to the 1036, but is this correct, that Omaha, for example, my district we lose bundles, but Omaha would lose 303,000. They don't make that back.

SENATOR LAMB: Not under this amendment, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Schrock, you can have your time back.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Haberman, I'm not sure I understand this completely, but I posed the question to Tim Kemper. If we took this formula and extended it out three or four years from now, who would lose and who would gain? He said no district would receive any more money than they would have received in the first place; no district will lose any more money than they would have lost in the first place. So if Lexington, all of a sudden, has a flat enrollment three years from now, their net gain would have been zero under this formula or under the old formula. So your school districts out there that show a loss here, they would have lost that over a cumulative period of time anyway. Now, if you want to figure interest in there, like most farmers do, there's going to be a little bit of difference there, but that would be the only difference. And when you consider the issue of fairness here, why, I think what we're doing is appropriate.