

not getting another break, we're in some cases continuing the break that already existed in some of these smaller school districts where if they were paying in proportion to some of 'is, for example like the Omaha School District, the margin of difference between the breaks and what is fair, obviously would be appropriate discussion for today. That's behind us. We don't want to talk about that anymore, but please remember that when we do this and I support phasing this in, we will continue those breaks. That means that some of the people in these school districts never had paid their fair share. Let me just...I'll share this one example, in Sarpy County if I can...can you guys hold it down just a little bit so I can hear myself, if you don't mind. You don't have to do that for me, see I can take care of myself, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Very good. You know how some people talk so loud around here. You can sit underneath here and you can't hear yourself think. Can you all hear me all right if I talk rather quietly? Fine. All I'd like to say is in Bellevue there were two brothers who lived in different school districts, one was a Class I school district. This was a long time ago, by the way, about four, five, six years ago. The one who lived in the Class I school district had three kids in the high school district in Bellevue. The brother across the road from him had no kids. They had been both willed, Lord have mercy and we're happy for them, about the same kind of farms, same kind of buildings except that the valuation, because of the difference in the school districts they lived in was three times higher for the brother with no kids living in the Bellevue School District and the brother who lived in the Class I school district was complaining because the tuition was so high, but it didn't cost him any more because his taxes, the free school tax of course provided that cost. It's an old issue, but I want to just mention that now because we're removed from that to some degree. But those are the things some of us remember here and we do want to be fair. We know what a terrible issue it is in some of your districts. I can imagine in Senator Jones' districts how many school districts you have and...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...how tough an issue it is. So that's the reason I'm going to support this. I know in Saunders County