

available to school districts that are there because they'll be dividing it among more...numerically more schools. And so I think those are major decisions that...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...need to be made. I'm not sure we want to do it right here.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker, members, I introduced a piece of legislation along with Senator Warner and I guess what we're talking about now is exactly the difference between our two proposals because mine kept the money in the county where the tax was collected I assume just like it is now. And the proposal that we're considering now would provide we have to get a constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to take that money where the state takes that money now being distributed back into the counties and then next year apparently, if the constitutional amendment were successful, deciding how it will be spent. I understand that and I know it's a source of revenue for the state and, based on what Senator Kristensen said, that the state could use for equalization purposes for education and for roads and highways. And I have to admit I have some problems with that. I would certainly like to know before we get to the point with this piece of legislation what we're thinking about for next year at least as it applies to how that money would be distributed on an equalization basis or on an equalization basis or for an equalization purpose or whatever it might be and we don't know that. We apparently can't or maybe we could inform us, someone could, about how we think that formula would come down. It would be...I would be at least a lot more comfortable supporting the legislation now before us if in fact we knew that. Because we don't know that, it's a, I have to admit from a county like mine, a serious concern. You know, in a sense because, well, to be completely frank, the city of Omaha has a 41 point something levy and the cap I think is 48. Under the bill because they have tried to be frugal and not levy everything they could, they could in fact be penalized where on the other hand somebody had spent everything they got or could get their hands on could be receiving aid; and the possibility is that that aid could come out of this kind of a fund and for that reason it is a concern