

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..those inequities that we have locked in are going to affect children and school districts throughout the state of Nebraska for a long, long time, a long time. And whereas most of you probably don't have children in the high school any more, oh, you'll have family members that do and you remember when you were on the school board or what have you, the fact of the matter is, most Nebraskans and most people in here do not have children in the schools. In fact, most Nebraskans today vote no on property tax issues regardless of the educational content because we're voting on pocketbook now. And this tax package is not an education tax package. It's a Revenue Committee tax package based on money, on tax policy. And when push comes to shove I don't think we're going to be there when the bell rings for us to be there a year from now. Now, I'm going to be voting no, but my position certainly is going to be when this becomes law...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..I'll do everything I can to make it successful. I just don't think there'll be 24 other people there at the end.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly, I think there's been two excellent presentations on the issues this morning, but Senator Kristensen pointed out it's just part of a process. One of the real results of this process over the next two years with the assistance of local entity governing bodies and citizens is we're going to have an opportunity to change public perception and confidence in government, because there's going to be an opportunity to really look at how things are being done and I believe there can be a great many positive results. And yesterday noon I went with a meeting that Senator Engel had asked at South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, or Dakota Chambers...County Chamber of Commerce, but there was seven. There was a couple of school...there was a school administrator, superintendent. There was some city officials, county officials and they started telling us about all the cooperative programs they do have in place, things that they're planning to do. And then I was particularly impressed with Van Phillips, who was Superintendent of the Year last year,