

we are at a minimum talking 40 and 50 million dollars. I repeat between 40 and 50 million dollars, even if you say a state lottery is only a 20 million dollar item. You are still under this proposal taxing all activity going on out there including city lotteries, including pickle cards, bingo, you name it, you are taxing them and putting that money into the fund. All into one fund, 40, 50 and I would submit maybe much more, but at a minimum those are reasonable numbers. If you would take the City of O'Neil and you say you get half of that fund on a per capita basis within the city limits, you are taking a city with what, a population of about 4,000 now, and that would amount to \$20 to \$25 per person for everybody in that town or Neligh, the same thing. That means the City of O'Neil is going to get \$80,000 to \$100,000 minimum they did not get and it is going to make up for a lot of the pain of 816. It is going to make up for a lot of the pain of losing the homestead exemption and yes indeed, it bails Omaha out of something they specifically lost this year or stand to lose. It bails O'Neil and Neligh out of something they specifically lost because Lincoln and Omaha quite frankly stole it last year. I know of no other way to get this amount of dollars, specifically into my area. Now the answer is going to be by some, yeah, but what are you doing to the farmers? This just goes into the cities. My answer to that is, it is in the cities, it is in the towns, where you have a 3% property tax. You have high property taxes out on the farms, but they are a fraction of what they are in those towns and that is where your tax revolt is going to come if it comes anywhere. In the City of Neligh we now have a 3% property tax, actual value and our property is at actual value. If I can go to my Neligh people and say look, out of the funds raised by this activity we are going to get two times \$45,000 or \$55,000 we didn't have before and in the other areas it will just about exactly compensate or do a little better than the loss of 816. For that reason I support it and I repeat, yes indeed, it takes care of Omaha but it is Omaha's loss this year. We are recovering the loss we took last year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I can't think of a more direct or better method of getting some of that recovery that we got hurt on in 816. Whether you are for or against violently the lottery bill, I think it is at least reasonable to do what we can to mitigate one way or another some of the damage that was done by 816. There is no better method or formula at this time to do it than this particular thing. I urge you to support the reconsideration.