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which does both of those things and which the county and the local put up 25% of what the State would put up irrespective of the other. We have that in mine also.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, Mr. President, I guess I would conclude by saying that from the comments made earlier on LB 179 I can see that I'm not the only one in a quandry. I certainly realize the, why the availability of the Hiram Scott facilities, but also the purposes which they could be expanded to include. I do have reservations regarding how much can we afford in the way of higher education in our state, and I realize that this is an answer that nobody has immediately at their grasp but I am concerned that as we look around we see a very expansive bit of work being done on our community colleges, on our voc tech schools, on our junior colleges and I think the question is a very pertinent one. How much can we afford in higher education? I think that we've also got to look at the trend of the declining population. We've got to look at the trend as opposed to when I was in school. The trend today is that you do not have to have a bachelor of arts degree to be successful in life, that there are, there is the emphasis today on trades, and Senator Carpenter, no I do not have the hard core answer to give to you or anyone else today but I, I am concerned that we have to my way of thinking, we've placed a great deal of emphasis on higher education in recent years. At the same time, the State Aid to Education for the Elementary and Secondary schools has remained dormant. Being the father of three children, the oldest of whom is only in the first grade, I have to also wonder about our priorities. It's been my contention that if you get the kids started off right, they'll take care of themselves the rest of the way. Now this may be wandering off base at the bit here, but the point is, how much can we afford and while it's hard to look a gift horse in the mouth, in this case the fact that the facilities are there, they're constructed and there'll be only a slight remodeling charge, I'm, I'm not trying to say that I'm against it, I'm trying to throw out some points to spur a further discussion from you and others. The fact is this state is a very wide state and I realize that there is a need for us as a Legislature to do something there. I just wanted to be sure that when we do make a decision that it's a decision that we're not going to regret later on and that we're going to be able to say yes, we're not just going to give you a token amount. If, if we take this responsibility, we're going to do it right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: May I ask Senator Snyder a question?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now let's talk only about a standard of values. I'm interested to know what your standard is. Yesterday we appropriated \$250,000 for grass for a stadium. Do you think that's more important--it's the same amount of money for rural health center.

SENATOR SNYDER: May I reply. No, Senator Carpenter, that's not what I'm saying. That's not what I'm saying at all. I'm just saying that if we accept, if we accept the responsibility, I want to be sure that we're going to do the right thing by it and not just accept it and see nothing done with it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, you're, you're putting in perspective a standard of values for education and going along with your thought, it seemed to me that the expenditure of \$250,000 for grass and that sort of business, basically, is less important than \$250,000 to operate a area for rural health.

SENATOR SNYDER: I see, I see your equasion now. I'm merely trying to make some points that I hope that the body will address