

only a certain group of people, those areas where there is a predominant urban influence and where, where those people would, in effect, get the whole pot so I hope you'll remember that there is an alternative. It's a compromise alternative, it means that for everybody in the State, there's going to be some gain and some sacrifice and I think that if we're going to get the passage of a decent school aid bill, we're going to have to go this way so again I urge you to reject this particular amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I think Senator Anderson kind of brought it out in the open. I think Senator, Senator Whitney did too, when Senator Anderson referred to urban areas, I think he was correct that Douglas County, for instance, we pay in a million dollars more than we get back. You're awfully good to us on that. We really like it! And then you're going to take another additional 7--over \$700,000 from us if we don't get equalization instead of foundation. That's a million and about eight hundred thousand dollars. We really like it that way! So I think if you fellows outstate want to give something, you better be a little bit reasonable and we, we're, right now at the present formula, present State Aid on the \$35,000,000 we're paying in a whole lot more than we're getting back and some of you districts get more back than you put in and we, we're getting tired of being so good. Now if you want any State Aid thing this time, I think it's about time you give us all of equalization which we're still losing and giving you a million dollars more than we get back and we're paying it.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Speaker and Members. I would like to ask Senator Lewis a question, Frank Lewis if he would yield.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I certainly will.

SENATOR NORE: Now we have in Platte County in my district, several areas where there are very few children in public school. Now I understand the thrust of the State Aid is to lower property taxes, is that right? Is that true?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I would think that that is one of our commitments, certainly \$20 million dollars is not going to--

SENATOR NORE: --now how are you, now for instance, it, I'll, I'll name one of the towns, Lindsay, Nebraska. We have probably 15 or 20 children in public school and we have maybe 3 or 400 in the parochial school. Now how are you going to have to help those property owners there? And they aren't rich people. Would you answer that for me?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Senator Nore, let me, let me respond by saying this. I think what we're attempting to do is to return money to school districts about the only way I know how and that's by a formula to try and bring property tax in line. Certainly if we put \$85,000,000 in it, there would be significant relief but you know, it, it's kind of like the old argument. All of us would like to be selective with where our taxes go except that's not the way it happens. Some guy might want to earmark his money for highways and somebody for roads. What I'm saying to you