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that this \$20,000,000 does; it provides property tax relief, school aid relief to those districts by the law that you passed here in 1967 and I want to reiterate; this amendment is not one bit deviating from that bill. It's putting the money in the bill that this Legislature authorized in 1967. I have not changed one word and certainly it's--the intention then of this Legislature I assume, was to develop an equalization fund to provide assistance to those school districts that were left wealthy. Now I don't know about your problem of, of parochial schools. I think that would be another matter that you'd have to address yourself to and being honest with you, this doesn't solve that particular problem.

SENATOR NORE: Fine, that's a good answer. Now as far as Senator Syas is concerned, Douglas County contributing so much. I think most of that money is coming from our out areas. We buy a lot of stuff and a lot of materials in Omaha and pay the tax on it. In fact, I suppose a big percentage of their, of their, quite a large percentage of their tax income over there on sales comes from outstate. Don't forget that, Senator Syas, now we, we could boycott you down there and I think you'd be in pretty bad shape. Now, I would like to say also, this is not only one case at Lindsay. We have a number of parochial schools that are not Catholic schools, they're Lutheran schools over Platte County and they are providing their own education and I, I'd like to see these folks get a little tax relief from State Aid bill and I would like to say that the \$35,000,000 as I have said before, it has not reduced our, our property taxes as far as I can tell, I think its made them higher. They've started new programs and bought new buses and pickups and, and every other thing that probably they, that we could get along without.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Lewis a question, may I? I want to get this thing in focus and I'm, I want to make sure what we're doing here. Your, does your amendment, is your amendment in lieu of the committee amendment or amend the committee amendment?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: My amendment amends the committee amendment.

SENATOR CARSTENS: And it leaves the rest of the committee amendment as sta--as it stands, except for--

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's right. The money still comes from revenue sharing. It just strikes the section that says \$10,000,000 will go to foundation, \$10,000,000 to equalization and simply puts in \$20,000,000 for equalization.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Okay. Now, then I would like to ask, this is your bill originally, that is--

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes it is.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Alright now in using the revenue sharing funds, suppose this, suppose we adopt, whether we adopt your amendment or not, the money would still come from the revenue sharing trust fund?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's right.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Okay, now we're going to use how much of that the first year?