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and I'm not going to name them all but I just want to show you where they are: Scottsbluff, Sidney, North Platte, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, Sioux City. This bill is not geared to any particular geographical section of this state. This bill is geared to help those people who have the need and if they're in the western part of the state and they have low assessed valuation per pupil, they get the assistance. This bill contains no amendment that you have to live on one side or the other side of the Platte River to get relief or on one side or the other side of Highway 81 or any other highway. It's where the kids do not have the dollars behind them to support education and that's where we ought to be putting our dollars. If they need it at Gering or if they need it at Plattsmouth or if they need it at Nebraska City or Sioux City, let's put the money where the kids are; let's get kids comparable educations and let's make it at a comparable cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I urge you to accept my amendment to the committee amendment as I have offered them.

SPEAKER: We're now voting on the Frank Lewis amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 21 nays.

SPEAKER: Motion carries. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm, as per your direction, going to have distributed some income figures, five pages of them, we've just gone over them in the Appropriations Committee and at the appropriate time I, subject to Senator Lewis' discretion and the chair's discretion, I would be prepared to explain these figures because I think it's pertinent to the entire discussion we're going to have this afternoon.

SPEAKER: Any amendments on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK: None further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Well, we're back on the bill as amended. Is there any further discussion? Wait a minute, we do have the committee amendments.

CLERK: My apology, Mr. President. The amendments we have adopted were to the committee amendments which now need to be adopted in their amended form.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'd move that the committee amendments be adopted as amended.

SPEAKER: Do you want to explain it?

SENATOR WARNER: To my--well, Mr. President, the only other portion of the committee amendment which has not been discussed to this point then is the source of the funds that's designated the revenue sharing trust funds as a source which this additional appropriation would be made. The balance of the committee amendment then upon the adoption of Senator Lewis' motion has already been discussed.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.