

SENATOR WHITNEY: Kimball, Kimball County High School, is that a...

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The parenthesis, of course, indicates that that's what it would cost to increase counting the six per cent cost increase. In other words, Kimball County has presently 48,000 in State aid. They will go to 75,000. Six per cent increase for them will be 30,000. So to get their increase this year which will be the 30,000 if they increase six per cent and if they're frugal maybe they wouldn't, but this would show that you would take care of the total increased cost of the school district at Kimball Consolidated High School and their mill levy would increase 33-hundredths of a mill.

SENATOR WHITNEY: So they would not have any reduction in mill levy at all?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, the \$30,000--I couldn't say that, you know, it depends on what your school board does with the \$30,000 of additional state aid. If they don't increase their costs at all, certainly they could have the mill levy thing. But we were trying to figure these and be fair about it. We said the cost will probably go up 6% and we tried to lay the figures out there without selecting and choosing various districts, just went right down the line and took the 60 top ones. And that's right.

SENATOR WHITNEY: So in most of these school districts then the decrease in mill levy is something like 01 or 2 or 3 mills or else it's no decrease in mills whereas in your school district it's 16 mills. Now that seems to be the way I look at your chart.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's exactly right and that's the way I prepared it. I wanted you to have all the facts. And I'm ready--we--is that all the questions you have? Okay.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes. Senator Fred Carstens. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I wonder if Senator Whitney would yield to a question? He does have--Senator Whitney?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, I'd be very happy to yield to a question.

SENATOR DICKINSON: To ask you to live up to this reputation that everyone seems to be giving you including myself, you mentioned a moment ago that Sarpy County spends 4½% of their income for school purposes, is this correct?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, approximately.

SENATOR DICKINSON: As compared to what in Kimball County or somewhere else?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Oh, you take nine sandhill counties in Nebraska and they are paying out now 9% of their income which is double yours.

SENATOR DICKINSON: With your mathematical mind, if you can tell me very briefly and I have suggested to Senator Whitney in several cases that he save his sermons for Sunday mornings but he doesn't always do this, how could you distribute the school costs for people within a county when they vary perhaps from one or two per cent up to as high as 30 per cent of that, of individual incomes? If you have a plan to do this, or do you have a plan that would solve this problem which indeed is a great problem?