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is selling on the same market, he is dealing in the same product, his line of commission is the same and he should be able to operate at the same level and pay about the same mill levy. Now the difference coming in for equalization will be coming from the sales and income tax and this should absorb where the property tax is going to be coming down, it should be equitable, so if you try anything else in this Legislature, if you try to do anything else and you try to rob western Nebraska for the benefit of Omaha or Papillion or Bellevue you're going to fall flat on your face. Or if you think that in western Nebraska we are coming in and we are going to collect money from eastern Nebraska or from the metropolitan areas and rob them, you just as well go home and sit tight because you are not going to get state aid. The Governor of this State made a statement

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at his news conference when he called it and he said he would support a penny increase in the sales tax for education. He didn't say he'd veto a bill. He didn't say what kind of a formula we had to have but he did make a statement that we had to have some kind of a lid bill on it. Now the statement has been made at a meeting one time that the Legislature does not control the salaries of anybody else, directly or indirectly we control the salaries of everybody that works for state government--directly or indirectly. So if the schoolteachers and the professors and administrators of this state think that they are going to get money into state aid and be no controlled, they just as well go home and pack their bags and go to teach in some other state because the State of Nebraska is not going to come out, the Governor of this State is not going to okay a bill that is going to say you can do anything you want to at the local level with the money that's raised by the State without having the Senators and the Governor have something to say about it. So there will be a lid bill and I hope it's a lid bill that the teachers and everybody can live with but there will be a lid bill and there can be money for education this year if we need the needs of the people. If you don't want to do this, we can go home, we just as well resign sine die and go home. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: May I ask Senator Warner a question if he'll yield, please? Senator Warner, where is your bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carstens, it's on General File. As you perhaps recall...

SENATOR CARSTENS: What's the number of it?

SENATOR WARNER: 472.

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SENATOR WARNER: Yes. You will recall that we were promised computer run-outs...

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well, you're a long way down the line. As long as we're talking about temporary measures and this is tied in apparently with your bill, would you consider bringing your bill up, 472 to follow 172?

SENATOR WARNER: The answer is yes but not today but let me explain why. As I mentioned these computer run-outs that we've had which will cover all of the bills which have been introduced and there's been many problems with getting a true run