

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I think it will do for the time being. It gives you a pretty good idea.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Well, in this case of course you're talking about revenue sharing funds. I do not know the impact of total federal income tax...

SENATOR SYAS: Let's take, we'll just take the present formula for instance. How much do you pay in and get back?

SENATOR WARNER: I couldn't answer that question, Senator Syas, because I don't think there has ever been--I know there has never been a statistical study upon the actual...

SENATOR SYAS: Well, how come my school district can tell me approximately and yours can't?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I've never asked the high school district, Senator Syas, I don't believe Omaha school district can tell you.

SENATOR SYAS: Oh, they can tell me pretty close, pretty good estimate.

SENATOR WARNER: I tried all summer long to get somebody to give me that kind of information and nobody ever did and the thing that no one can calculate, Senator Syas, is what portion of the sales tax is paid in Omaha or Lincoln or Grand Island or Scottsbluff or North Platte, whatever town, by people who do not live there.

SENATOR SYAS: Oh, well, that works both ways.

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon?

SENATOR SYAS: That works both ways.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, if you, if you look for example, if you look at the sales tax collection of counties surrounding Lancaster County, you'll notice that they are somewhat less than you would average, expect for the average on a per capita basis. The reason being in this case that Lincoln is a shopping center which generates business from an area of maybe 40, 50 miles surrounding and I know that, because we asked time and time again other members of the study committee I think last summer can indicate the same thing, that we asked on numerous occasions for some kind of statistical data that was reliable that would indicate the dollar amount that would come out of a given community in sales/income tax paid in relation to what they got back and we were consistently told that such data was not available nor has never been made nor was base data available that was necessary to do it.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, that's all the questions. I'll sit down. I just wanted to say that I've always, I'm always have mixed feelings when Lincoln goes to do something because you've got to watch them.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to rise as a point of explanation. It was pointed out by one of the speakers here today that we wanted more than our share. I'm speaking for my people in my legislative district. We don't want more than our share. But we're like Senator Syas, he wants back what he pays in. Now, this is what we want. We want to get back what we pay in in the form of sales/income tax and as Senator Warner has pointed out, some of us come to Lincoln, some of us go to Omaha clear from western Nebraska to grade and Lancaster County gets credit for that sales tax paid. I paid sales taxes on about \$25,000 worth of stuff I bought in