

It just picks out certain public schools and reduces the taxes by 50% and it picks out other public schools and reduces their property tax by more than 50% and on some schools it is only reduced 14%. So I hope that the newspapers when they print this do not tell the people that it is going to reduce their property tax by 50% because some schools it is not going to do it. This illustration that I have given to you illustrates that, so I am saying that I have to oppose the bill. I would like to have a state aid bill, but I can't do this to my people and those of us who are outstate Senators we have in our legislative district many school districts that are in this category, in these categories. We can not do that to the people of Nebraska. We can not tell a minority that we will not give you a reduction in property tax for your schools when you are paying the highest property tax now for pupil and your highest percentage of income, we are not going to give you a reduction. Why? Because you are in the minority. Now this is what we are saying, you are in the minority and therefore we won't do it. I say that we as state senators have got to look at the state of Nebraska as a whole and we are smart enough to design any state aid formula that we want to design. We we can make it pay any sum of money that we want to each and every school district in the state of Nebraska and the state of Hawaii has solved the problem until Ontario, Canada has solved the problem and each of them has had for several years a state aid program that I would support. So, gentlemen, and Lady, I feel very definitely that we can not approve LB472.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Warner amendment?
Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Actually all we have before the body is the Warner amendments to 472.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the legislature I agree with Senator Whitney that this is very misleading that it shall bear 50% of the current operating expense. I think that we should amend this and I wonder if Senator Warner would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes

SENATOR MARESH: Would you agree to amend your amendment on page one line twenty-two after bear insert an average of 50% and the same on page 8 line 23, insert after B an average of 50% so that the people would not be misled, that we are assuming 50% of the cost of schools.

SENATOR WARNER: What was the place?

SENATOR MARESH: On page 1, line 21, where it says the state shall bear 50% of the current operating cost. After bear insert an average of, and on the same on page 8 line 23 after B insert an average of, this would mean that state wide it shall assume an average of 50%. Wouldyou object to that amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: The second one is on page.....?

SENATOR MARESH: On page 8, line 23,

SENATOR WARNER: You wouldn't need it on that page because that is only the direction to the state board of equalization
Senator Maresh.