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SENATOR F. LEWIS: For everything.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Oh, I don't have those figures in my head Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well anyway that leads to the third question and I'll hurry this Mr. Chairman, I know that....the point that you were trying to make on cost to your tax payers and to why this bill was unfair. Now the other factor that we need to know is your expenditure per pupil and I don't have that right handy but I believe that it is somewhere in the neighborhood of 900 dollars that at Chappel and a little over a thousand at Big Springs.

SENATOR WHITNEY: It is 975 dollars at Chappel and it is 1,090 dollars at Big Springs, but I want you to know that this chart that I put out was not for my school districts, it a...I put these school districts out for Keith County, Ogallala, one was Bruell and one was Paxton.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well the final point that all of this information leads us to in comparison to some other school districts where their cost

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per pupil is somewhat less than yours by 2 or 3 hundred dollars per student and their mil levy is twice as high as yours, now I don't follow your line of reasoning. For instance if someone owns a \$20,000 home and part of his tax responsibility is for schools, cities, and counties, and you say that one guy in one district ought to be paying 97 mils and in your district they are already paying 57 mils I don't understand that and I wish that you would explain that to me just a little bit.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, I would be very happy to Senator Lewis. We are talking here only about the mil levies with reference to the schools. Now we should not be talking about total mil levies in the county and in the school districts and in the fire districts and the cemetery districts and so forth. WE should only be talking about the school mil levy.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well I would still....getting back to another question, then you can explain to me how that someone who purchases a \$20,000 home in Chappel why you say that it is really an unfair situation out there when he is now paying less than 30 mils for education and you are concerned that he is being cheated when a guy in another county is paying 70 mils on that same \$20,000 home. Now why shouldn't that be equalized? The logic falls me.

SENATOR WHITNEY: That is exactly my point. You did not understand me Senator Lewis. When I presented this graph, I said that after we have full funding on LB472 here is one school district that a 21 mil levy and here is another district that has a 38 mil levy, I think that those mil levies should be brought down together, that they should be down at a uniform local lower level and not to reduce one school district and not the other.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: In other words you are not bringing the mil levy of a 70 down to where it is fairly close to where you are now?