

as far as figures what Senator Whitney said it was 8 million dollars. First I want to comment on the amendment. To give you my personal feelings on one and what I think that yours should be for two. The first place the last session I voted against state aid and I voted against the Governor's override and this time I am flexible on the matter but if you offer a fair bill, that is fair to rural as well as urban Senators speaking for myself I will probably vote for it. If it is a fair bill I will vote to override. I'm not speaking for the Douglas County delegation, however I think a lot of them feel like I do, and maybe all of them, I don't know. We have not ocacused. But I wish to say this. I don't know how much the Omaha school district is paying in and how much we are getting back but I understand that quite a more is paid in than getting back, but even with that I can still go for a state aid of property tax relief bill really, if we start being a fair in this legislature. I think most of the rural Senators are trying to work out something that would be fair to those of you who do not, you may have 25 votes in here to pass a bill. But I doubt if you have 30 votes to override, so you are going to need some urban Senators someplace, I feel. This is not a threat this is just trying to get you to come out of the airplane and come down right here and ride the horses like the rest of us. Now in this bill, I don't know particularly you have the Burbach amendment which didn't help Omaha any. We have some special problems too, like the culturally deprived and the real poor people and that sort of thing so we have our problems on school aid. Now by taking these largest counties it seems to me that someplace you are going to pick my pockets for 8 million dollars. Because I am one of the large counties. As I say now, I don't think that we are getting our fair share back but in a school aid bill just what is a persons fair share? It is a matter that I will have to go somewhat with Senator Carpenter this morning when he said that this has got to be a type of a compromise bill so that everybody can live with it, but if you start taking too much away from me I'm going to oppose the bill. Now remember in the Omaha School District when someone stood up and said that it was one teacher to 13 students in my school district it is one teacher to 30 to 45 students. That is probably why we have a little lower mil levy. But I don't think that we can hold that type of a ratio too much longer. So we have our problems.

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Now as I say and I'm not going to say anything more on this bill, I mean this amendment but I really feel that of the moment if this type of bill or amendment goes on the bill you are chasing me from its support. I'm trying to work out something with the Senators here that we can all live with and I personally don't think that I can live with the amendment after we have the Burbach amendment which was less severe, I don't think that I can live with the amendment and still support the bill. I intend to support the bill as I say, if you don't get to try and play too much around with the figures and try to give Omaha at least our reasonable fair share as a compromise with everybody else. I don't think that anybody will probably out of this bill even without the Whitney amendment will....may not get quite their fair share on both....most of the districts may not, but lets be as fair as we can with it for the good of property tax relief is what you are mostly interested in. Your interested in schools second and lets not kid yourself but