

this legislature would move this afternoon after the long morning of debate and to honor Senator Warner and pass this bill off of general file and pass it on its way towards final reading.

SPEAKER: Now if there is no other discussion on the Whitney amendment the Chair will recognize Senator Whitney to close. Are you ready to close Senator Whitney?

SENATOR WHITNEY: I was in hopes that Senator Stahmer would have had an opportunity to have been recognized again, I think that he was closed off now, however I will go ahead and close.

SPEAKER: Excuse me, Senator Stahmer do you want to be recognized before Senator Whitney closes?

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I would say this that reading the first section the arabic numeral one I can see where he has changed there to eight million dollars so that answers that question. I would say that I think that this would have no detriment to the larger counties and probably have a benefit for that reason I would support his amendment.

SPEAKER: Are you ready to close now Senator Whitney?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the legislature, I'm just a little surprised at Senator Syas and at Senator Mahoney, Senator Warner and why am I surprised? Because Senator Warner has always said that what we want to do is to have the same mil levy for like property. That is all that this is attempting to do. This body has said at times that we don't have a perfect bill. I agree that up to this point we do not have a perfect bill, even with my amendment. It is not going to be a perfect bill for the rural people of Nebraska because they are going to be paying out more money than they will be getting back. But, I realize that there is a problem in our cities with such high mil levies. Particularly the farmers who live close to the edge of those cities. Some of them are paying exceedingly high mil levies and they should not be paying those high mil levies. I feel for those people, I feel that there are some businessmen are paying excessively high mil levies, so I feel then lets try to have a state aid bill which will make it possible for us to equalize the mil levies to a better extent, so what are we doing here? All we are doing is that we are going to develop the best formula that we know how and Senator Warner has attempted to do that. I was on his committee. I worked long hard hours just like Senator Warner, and I have probably worked as many hours on state aid to education as most anybody in this legislative body. I have a file that is about 4 feet long full of literature on this subject. So the thing is that this is a complicated subject but, all we are doing now if Senator Mahoney school has a 38 mil levy after this formula is all figured out and then the average of the five most populous county schools is say 22 mils it means that we are going to use some money here to try and pull his mil levy down from 38 down a ways. So the closer to that average of say 22 mils in the five most populous counties. That is what we are trying to do. We simply recognizing the same thing that Senator Burbach had tried to recognize this morning and some inadequacies in my judgment Senator Burbach's bill or amendment will not do the job. There are no directions given there in the amendment. The only thing that Senator Burbach's amendment will do will be to bring about the unconstitutionality of this whole bill in my judgment and I don't think that this is what you want. It is alright with me to do it if this amendment doesn't pass,