

SENATOR KOCH: Well I think we've got a problem if you want to include the school land trust funds in here, because we don't use those even as state aid as accountable receipt. That's set aside as a trust and I think the state of Nebraska must honor that and I think you've got a problem if you want to include that and think it's a form of a tax. That comes from lands set aside that are leased by the school management commission and then that money, once it's collected is distributed by the Department of Public Instruction based upon a formula that this Legislature prescribed a number of years ago. So I would object to the school lands funds being included as a part of this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you wish to be recognized on the...I think Senator Murphy has four more amendments. This is the first one.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I do wish to be recognized, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make a couple of points, and that's this. LB 285 was given very special attention by the Revenue Committee as this body well knows, and I think when we used our terms in the act we knew what they meant. Senator Murphy comes in with an amendment now to include within the definition of state receipts the expression fees, licenses and other funds dedicated to a particular use. Now to be honest with you I can't...I don't know exactly what those terms mean, and I suspect that a lot of the members of our own committee don't even know exactly what those terms mean and the body probably doesn't know exactly what they mean either. When you deal with a bill as artfully drawn as LB 285 is, even with the amendments to it, we need to go with expressions that we understand, and we need to know exactly what it is that we are doing. It seems to me that these kinds of amendments...these kinds of language changes should have been brought to the committee prior to their being brought here today, otherwise we vote unknowingly and unthinkingly and unintelligibly. For that reason, I think we should reject the Murphy amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Are there more to speak?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well then let's quit. Vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to close on your amendment?