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and asking this question. How does LB 486 in its present form relate to what we got last year? Now they don't all agree with what they got last year. Some think it was not enough and no one thinks they got too much, of course, but still there are...they are wanting to compare what this bill does with what they got previous to this time. So, Senator Koch, I, too, would like to say that I would appreciate your best efforts to seeing that all of us understand what we are doing, why we are doing it and how it affects each one of our respective schools. I would like to repeat, we need to pass legislation this session and at this point I don't think that I would disagree, that maybe at this point, we ought to put in another thirty or forty million dollars and see that something that can be realized by every taxpayer that we have done something for them. Again, Senator Koch, thanks to you and I offer you my cooperation. I do not understand the bill as it is like I wish I could and I look forward to your setting up some meetings so we can discuss it and you explain to us more fully how this bill affects our school systems as they operate today.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I have had a concern ever since I have been in the Legislature about the distribution of state aid. Of course the first year we battled with LB 33 which would have increased it and did not materialize. I guess the concern that I have and I know we have to face up to the issue and I appreciate Senator Koch's effort and we worked on it in the Education Committee, but we have heard a lot about the schools that are going to lose money and we haven't heard much about those that are going to gain and I am waiting too for the report that we will be getting. But I guess what really concerns me, I have been worried about this for several years that some of our schools in outstate Nebraska were not getting their share and the main reason was that the appraisal wasn't finished in Omaha and in Lincoln. So now the appraisal is finished and we are getting some action. When Omaha loses \$2,000,000, why, we are finally getting down to facing the issue and this bothers me a little because I think before when some of our smaller schools were complaining we got absolutely no cooperation. I did introduce a bill #177 last year that would have addressed this issue. I don't know how much of this idea is in this new bill or not a new bill, this also was introduced last year. I think the white copy is new but I, too, want to see what it is going to do to my area. I have a variety of school districts from part of the City of Kearney, I think which