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you see here under \$75 million is an accurate, accurate figure. It is based upon the new values. It is based upon every piece of information available to us right now. Those are no estimates. Certainly some conditions change between one year to the next just like the weather does and you cannot assume all those conditions. I want to remind you, Senator DeCamp, and you talked about who ripped off whom, I don't think the rurals have ever been ripped off if we want to get into that argument, urban-rural. I get a little sick of it when I read things about the split in this body and why shouldn't they report it, because it is obvious all the time. It is the worst I have ever seen since I have been here. I have only been here five years completing my sixth. I think it is tragic when this body cannot sit down as adults with some integrity and reason together and try to be as fair as we can but, obviously, we always want to indict someone and I don't think that is statesmanship and I don't think it is good politics. 882 (interruption) never brought into this bill this morning.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR KOCH: You are not dealing with that right now. We are dealing with the possibility of additional finance for public schools. That is all we are dealing with and 486 is the fairest formula you are ever going to find, and as far as I am concerned, Senator DeCamp, I will kill 486. I will even vote to strike \$55 million and go home. I have tried that before on this floor and never say you vote to strike \$55 million before. Senator Warner and I have and a couple of other people but if it gets four votes that is about it. And for those who say that the public schools are disguising their income, they don't know much about them because their income and their expenditures are probably better known than cities, counties or any other subdivision of government because they make certain that the patrons of that community know. I have seen those letters that go to the people except again don't confuse people with facts. Don't present them things because they are not going to read them. They only like to read headlines. They don't like to read the guts and soul of something.

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: So I guess I have sat here long enough, Senator DeCamp, and I (mike off).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Murphy. Senator Hefner. Senator DeCamp.