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those original formulas were put into existence and they hurt the rurals primarily because values were kept artificially low in Omaha and Lincoln. Nobody would revalue. Now when finally the law is followed and they are revalued, we just change the formula again and take the money in another way. I think this merely proves my point. It is time to redo the tax system up front, straight head on, rather than this piecemeal bandage fashion. I cannot imagine that this money also could go in, the money you are talking about here, without causing a veto or a tax increase.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator DeCamp is absolutely right, whether you want to agree with him or not, because the formula was great until it pinched Omaha, Lincoln and some of the larger cities, and as some of you know, I had a bill introduced last year trying to change the formula for the distribution of equalization money. I had little or no support because the advantage was to the bigger cities. I would like to support the Vickers amendment because I personally believe that we need more state aid to education. I also have an amendment to return up there to put state aid completely on a per pupil basis and I think this would avoid all this rat race that we have trying to see who is on first and who is on second and who is ahead and who is behind and the rat race that we have going on between, again, the rural and the urban areas. I would think that one kid ought to have the same backing from the State of Nebraska as another. There would be those that'd argue that there are depressed areas and that in some places they need more money than others but we found out that Omaha wasn't so depressed if they got their taxes up where they belonged. And Senator Koch talked long and loud a couple of years ago about equalization and how a bunch of stinkers we were outstate because we weren't equalizing and we were already ahead of them. We were trying to equalize and we found out that when Omaha and Lincoln and Sarpy County equalized that they got the schnitzel on the equalization formula. Well, 't's not kid ourselves, let's face it like it is. There wouldn't be this push to change this formula and there wouldn't be the push to put more money in it so nobody loses if they didn't want to change the formula. So John DeCamp is absolutely right and I don't know who is going to win or lose if we put it strictly on a per pupil basis but I think it would be fair. Thank you.