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we saw that happening in Sarpy County, but because those values were low, that is where the money went. Now that they were forced to bring their property values up to date, suddenly equalization has a new concept. We have got to enact a new formula because they would lose some of these free state dollars that are coming out. Now we have not addressed the basic problem. The basic problem is the unequal values of property and Senator Koch knows this and agrees with this and has led the battle many times to get that problem solved but throwing forty million dollars into state aid through 1002 is not the answer. That just covers the problem. That just takes the sting out of the problem. It takes the sting out of the problem for the schools but it doesn't take the sting out of the problem for the taxpayers and we go home and we tell our superintendent and we tell our school board members because they are the only people that know what the formula says and they don't give a darn about distribution just as long as they get a dollar more this year than they got last year, and if we throw forty million dollars into it, we are going to guarantee that everybody is going to be held harmless and we haven't done a darn thing to solve the state aid problem. We haven't done a darn thing to solve the equalization problem. We have not done anything to solve the school problem.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got one minute left.

SENATOR DWORAK: We have only just poured another forty million dollars into it, a typical government solution to a problem. We are perpetuating the problem. I think until this body is willing to accept what Senator Kahle has indicated he is going to offer, a straight per pupil distribution across this state, and I liked what Senator Keyes said earlier. Throw the parochial kids in the count. Then we will at least be honest with the people. We won't have to go home and try to defend a formula no one understands and can't be defended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR DWORAK: And until we do that, we are just perpetuating this system of inadequacy that we have lived with for the past ten years in this state. So I am going to vote against the additional twenty million dollars. I am going to support Senator Kahle's amendment to put it on a per pupil basis.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.