

have reasonable educational opportunity notwithstanding where they live, notwithstanding the relative affluence or the relative poverty of their school district and that essentially is our objective. Finally, it has been noted by Senator Lamb and will be noted again by others that it is only urban senators who carry this bill. It is only Senator Hoagland and Johnson from Omaha and Lynch from Omaha and Senator Landis from Lincoln who carry this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: 30 seconds.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And the issue is, why do the rural senators stick their...why do the urban senators stick their nose in the rural tent? Because on education we are all brothers and sisters. We are all brothers and sisters on education. The truth of the matter is I am concerned about the state aid level, not just for rural areas but for urban areas. We are all concerned about school finance. This is a state issue, not an urban issue, nor a rural issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, do you have some amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is found on page 456 of the Journal. It was offered by Senators Johnson, Hoagland and Landis. Senator, this was filed prior to the hearing. Senator Johnson wishes to withdraw, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is then offered by Senators Hoagland, Landis and Vard Johnson. This is on 554, Senator. Senator Johnson wishes to withdraw, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have again is by...well, excuse me, Senator DeCamp, your amendment on page 688, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members, I don't know how much I will be speaking on this bill. I rather suspect not as much as you might think. But what I am going to say this