

and it will certainly be an increased amount of state aid for the support of education so that we can begin to relieve the farmers and ranchers of the large property tax load that farm and ranchland carries. But a two-tier structure cannot continue in Nebraska. Adoption of the DeCamp amendment continues a two-tier structure.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Landis went into some detail relative to the disparity between Class I rural and the Class II and III rural land. I again become a little concerned when Senator Landis says that's the way it is. Property pays the taxes. I have a question for Senator Landis because I know he has the responsibility assigned to him by Senator Johnson to develop the formula under the Amendment 4 provision and I think sometimes it's best to clear up these little issues as we go along, Senator Landis. The issue here on the floor has been debated many times relative to whether or not we're going to move toward a different method of financing the school system of the state and the one which we all refer to rather offhand is a third and a third and a third and I think we all refer to it. Do you see and do you intend in the near future to support that kind of funding proposal for the school systems of the state so that we do not continue the inequity that exists under the present kind of funding?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do intend to support tax shifting from property tax to sales and income tax. The third, a third, a third is a little...it's a little...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Light.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...much of a cliché as far as I am concerned. I'm not sure that I'd be tied to those percentages, but I'd be happy to make a major shift from property taxes to sales and income tax dollars.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator. I think the third and a third and a third is not quite right also. I'd like to see about a 25 percent from the property, but then I don't always get what I want. The point I want to make is this, that rural residents, and the Class I's have a very legitimate concern here, the rural residents are concerned that as you begin the incorporation of rural land into the