

urban districts that the rural residents are not represented on those boards, and if they are represented, they are underrepresented. It doesn't make much difference to have less than half. That doesn't do you much good as far as your voting is concerned and rural people today have gone down the road and pointed out fantastic new structures built in many little communities with a preponderance of rural dollars and they are concerned that once that system is built into law that there will be less reluctance on the part of urban residents to consider alternate methods of financing. Now I have, I think on good authority, reason to believe that the members of this body, urban as well as rural, know there are inequities in the present system, know that it must be addressed, know that there isn't any way the rural people of this state are going to have an equal basis of representation on a school board which is made up of rural and urban and, therefore, there's got to be some other sort of financing. As Senator DeCamp has pointed out it used to be different when the preponderance of people were rural, the schools were run totally rural or urban, it was relatively easy. That is no longer the case, but as the rural property moves into the entire school system, there has to be some kind of equitable funding other than property because property has no longer an equitable basis for the funding of education. And as I have said earlier, if we do not make that kind of a transition then we will see the kind of an action that will take the responsibility for legislation away from this Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I'd like to point out what the DeCamp amendment is doing to that almost 80 percent of the rural folks who are in K-12s right now. I'd like to also point out to you that we have been told by some folks, there are some people going around as I mentioned earlier telling people that we're doing away with small K-12s. It happened in my home town which really upsets me when people come out and tell a complete untruth. Let me tell you what this amendment would do. It says that the monies are going to be distributed pro rata among among the high schools which provide education to students residing on land within the agricultural land school district. Now what that means is we're going to say that it costs the same amount to provide a high school education every place in this state, every place where there is a