

relief on the local level, what is the cap? There is no cap on there. If there's a 10 percent reduction in property tax because of Senator Remmers' bill, who does it go to? It goes to the "biggies" as well as the small ones. Northwestern Bell will get its \$30,000 that Senator DeCamp objected to. I don't remember him ever coming on the floor when we had a state aid to school bill and say, this bill has a flaw, it doesn't have a cap on it. It didn't have a cap on it and nobody paid any attention to that. Those bills don't have a cap on them and there has never been any consideration of that cap. I don't believe the Revenue Committee, when they considered these state aid to school bills, put a cap on it as far as how much benefit any particular taxpayer would get. There is no cap. Now Senator Hannibal just made an eloquent speech in defense of no cap, you know, you can get around it. If anybody wanted to take off the \$1,000 cap I'd be with them because I only did that because I do see a few large companies getting more than most people think they should get back. But this bill is designed as a property tax relief bill which is across the board. It benefits the homeowner, it benefits the farmer and it benefits the small businessman or the business community.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: It is not designed to help one area over another. Now if you want to help the homeowner which we have in the past to the tune of about \$44 million, there is \$44 million in our budget for homeowners of one category or another, low income, veterans preference, the \$18.3 million we passed last year, all of those things and we have state aid to schools. Direct state aid to schools is about \$133 million. We've got state aid to schools. The total state aid to schools is about \$216 million when you include special ed, wards of the court, school lunch, vocational education, drivers ed, school land, apportionment and insurance premium. There's a lot of state aid to school already there. Now this is the first bill that gives it across the board to everybody. Now...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR LAMB: I just ask that you don't put this amendment on there. If you don't want to vote for the bill, okay, but let's leave it the way it was originally designed.