

think would vary. District 56 in Butler County would probably vary. Fifty percent of the valuation there is rural. I would guess that those valuations would encourage the spending of some additional funds from property taxes. Let me tell you where they won't exceed the 45 percent, Douglas County, Lancaster County. Any school that is principally urban would be foolish, would be absolutely ridiculously foolish to exceed it because of the fact that they would have to then sacrifice funds from the state. I think you want to remember something else. Senator Johnson said you can't enforce my amendment. I don't know how you are going to enforce an average across the state of 45 percent when each school district is free to do as they good well please. If District 56, if every district from Scottsbluff to the Missouri River decides to put 50 percent of the support of the schools from property, who is going to crank them back down and how are you going to do it? I don't think it can be done. I just think that, you know, someone talks about local control. One of the nice things about my amendment is that no one really liked it very much and in the 17 years that I have been here I find that is usually pretty good measure of a decent bill or a decent amendment. If everyone can find some fault with it, then it means that no one got his hand in...his dipper in the bucket all the way and I think it is important to remember that. Mr. Brauer doesn't like the amendment. He thinks you lose local control. Well, if he thinks I have got local control, I remember when Senator Kahle sat in the seat that Rod Johnson occupies...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and he said that control is gone like the guy in the caboose runs the train, try living in my district as a farmer and having any control of District 56. You just as well try to catch a steer by the tail and try to run him into the chute. You are not going to get it done. That control is gone. It has been gone for thirty years. You know what else? It hasn't been that bad. We have got a pretty decent school system out there and we have got some pretty decent people and they run it pretty well. And I can have my input. But if you think I am going to control that district, I can't do it because we have only got 10 percent of the people. Before you adopt the Vard Johnson amendment, I would like to have you think seriously about what you are doing. You are saying, number one, no, we are not going to