

and, by some numbers, if you want to do it, you come in number one. If you eliminate Omaha and Lincoln and just take outstate Nebraska and the number of employees, local employees in the courthouses, the natural resource districts, the schools, the school boards, you are about number one, once you separate out Omaha and Lincoln. Now the immediate reply some people will make to me is they will say, well, yeah, but Nebraska is the only state in the United States that has municipal corporation, in other words, public power districts, they're counted in. Discount them. Throw them out. You are still right up there at the very top. Local government has not been brought under control and something has got to happen. So I'm saying rather than shift additional property taxes that are already breaking under local government, make sure this small amount is actually cut from local spending. That is what the amendment attempts to do.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH: If Senator DeCamp has just a little bit of time left, I would like to ask him a question. Senator DeCamp, would you give a little clarifi...

SENATOR CARSTEN: He was...

SENATOR SMITH: He was out of time?

SENATOR CARSTEN: ...closing, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I...I just want to ask a question of clarification on his amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The Chair will allow for a clarification and that is it.

SENATOR SMITH: All right. All right, thank you. I just would like to know for a definition, which I probably should have asked for earlier, what he means by programs. Does he mean programs subject matter versus what I call the overall curriculum which includes extra-curricular activity?

SENATOR DECAMP: I mean everything and particularly I mean administration that Senator Higgins brought up, everything, in other words, where they spend their money. Maybe it means they don't have a deputy superintendent or a superintendent's wife on the payroll anymore.