

here. So I urge you to reject this today, go home and take a look at that formula and be prepared to work on it next session. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, want to caution this body. This is not just a simple little trust me little change and even though...and probably I'm not saying the right thing, even though I represent a district that would gain from this. I am down here to be as fair and as...what's fair for me and fair for you will work. What is not fair is not justified and it simply will not work in the long run, and this is not a simple little change. When we start discussing these formulas I agree with Senator Scofield. This should be taken in a more rational setting that we can sit down and analyze what the results of this is and so on. I think...to give you an idea in my own district, it would make \$6,000 difference which maybe some of you can justify from one to the other, but this is not a simple little amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose Senator Johnson's motion. I think that Senator Nelson and Senator Scofield gave enough reason why we shouldn't be taking on a complex issue like this at this time, but I'm going to go beyond that just a little bit. I believe just a few weeks ago we had a session on a bill, 999, and I think Senator Vard Johnson was pleading for those poor farmers, the difficult time they were having out there, and now he turns around and says those are wealthy districts. There is no relationship between ability to pay and the property that is out there. If we talk about these poor districts that Senator Withem and Senator Johnson are talking about, if we take income into consideration, they are not poor districts. They have a lot more ability to pay than the rural districts out there. I think that if you would remember a bill that I was part of in '83, 444, a local income tax for schools, it would indicate that very few of these districts would get any state aid if we had income supporting half of that load. There is very little relationship between ability to pay and the property that might be out there in that district. And again, repeating that some of these people were bleeding for those poor farmers out there and now we turn around and say those are wealthy districts. I think this is the wrong time to do it. We've been trying all day, we've