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that that Appropriations Committee proposal was not going to go through. And if we cared about trying to do something in the area of state employees salaries, we were going to have to give some latitude. And Senator DeCamp has a proposal that will do that, provide a two and a half percent reserve, get us out of interfund borrowing within one fiscal year and to achieve all that in one legislative session is, I think, quite an accomplishment. So I think that this is the one realistic proposal out of all the discussions that we have and if you look at where we started in January with an \$810 million in obligations where we have worked ourselves down to, let's put ourselves in a situation of, I think, good fiscal posture. So I would support Senator DeCamp's motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb is next, however, would you please hold it down, especially the group in the back of the room so that we can hear Senator Lamb speak? Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, at this point, I guess, I would only ask Senator DeCamp one or two questions.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, please?

SENATOR LAMB: Do you agree that in the food sales tax elimination will cause a reduction in the state revenues next year? Won't that be a \$4 million problem?

SENATOR DECAMP: No, I, I don't accept that. Now I may not be accurate but I think that's, that's not true.

SENATOR LAMB: Do we have the amendment on our desks or is it in the Journal?

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, I'll be very honest with you on that. There is only one copy, it's my original amendment, it's a couple hundred pages with the things corrected and adjusted as I've tried to describe them here today.

SENATOR LAMB: Would you agree to lay over the bill until we can have a chance to look at your amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: It's not my prerogative to do that. That would be Senator Warner's choice. I personally think we, we ought to move ahead but I'm, I'm willing to listen to people. I don't know how to say it...

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.