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LB 869-885

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to suspend the rules, Rule 6, Sections 1 and 2, Rule 3, Section 4 and place LB 869-885 directly on General File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am dead serious in the proposal and I think it is a good proposal. We just heard the Governor's speech.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel). Ladies and gentlemen, Senator DeCamp is speaking to the body and we would kind of like to have it a little quieter so those of us that choose to hear may hear. Thank you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, let me briefly state what the proposal does. It simply takes the Governor's budget proposals in their perfect, in their pristine form the way he offered them, places them directly on the floor here for legislative consideration. Now that doesn't mean we have to debate them now. It means we know where we are. We have one complete package of proposals. You heard what it is designed to accomplish. You know what it is. I would think for sure, I don't want to use the word Democrats because everybody thinks that is partisan, but many of the people that closely support the Governor would want this. There are reasons in the past why this is good and necessary. Number one, the Governor offers a proposal and then the Appropriations Committee does their own proposal. The Appropriations Committee proposal to the best of my knowledge is the only one that ever gets to this floor, and, of course, and it is juggling and re-juggling, it is our input, it is our version. The Governor has suggested that this particular proposal as it is packaged is about a seven percent increase in the budget over last year, that it could result and would result in a tax cut to three and a half percent on sales, to eighteen percent on income. Now I have gone through the numbers. I listened to the presentations. By any stretch of the imagination, I conclude and I don't claim to be perfect, I conclude at the minimum of about a fourteen percent increase in expenditures over last year which is three hundred percent with the rate of inflation