

**SPEAKER:** Is there further discussion? Senator Carpenter.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** It would seem to me, looking into this situation as it actually is, that I'm for the bill in either case. Now we have horse racing, and I'm not opposed to horse racing, I only oppose them in the area that they have not paid the taxes I have thought many times that they might be able to pay. People being what they are, I would hope that Senator DeCamp would offer the amendments to put it on the ballot and let the people make a determination of this question which will raise a considerable amount of money. Of course this state does need money. I realize that many Senators are apprehensive about a bill of this nature, you may not be in the frame of mind to even let the people vote on it. I or as I understand it this would raise four or five million dollars as I recall. It is one of those things, that you are not going to stop it anyway. It seems to me that if the people want to permit this that the legislature under the rules that they might adopt a would then bring about the bill and present it to the people of this state. I would hope that as an experiment and that is probably what it is, and no one can be criticised I wouldn't think, really rightfully, by voting to put this bill on the ballot and let the people of this state make a determination whether or not they want it or not. That is how they put horse racing on the ballot and the people accepted that and they may accept this. I would suggest that you adopt the amendment and let the people make a determination as to whether they want it or not.

**PRESIDENT:** Senator R. Lewis.

**SENATOR R. LEWIS:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I appreciate Senator DeCamp's remarks about the volume of information that he has been getting. I have been getting volumes of information too and it is the kind that I understand. It is from the people back home and they say don't do it. So Senator DeCamp I want you to know that while I'll value our friendship, I can't go with you on this one.

**SPEAKER:** Senator DeCamp.

**SENATOR DE CAMP:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature as Senator's we all know that sometimes you can get an awful lot of opposition to something which may not represent very many of the people. I think that this may be the case with regards to just a few Senators. Certain groups have homed in on a few Senators and have put a lot of information to them in opposition. In view of that I am willing like Senator Carpenter said to let the people vote on it. I have submitted up there an amendment which would be a substitute for the bill itself. Let me explain clearly what the amendment is and what the vote would be. It is not a constitutional amendment, it is simply putting the issue on the ballot so that the people can say yes, we would like the state to go ahead and operate a lottery or no, we think that this is a dumb idea. So, I think that everybody in this room could support the concept of letting the people just say yes or no on an issue, a voluntary taxation and on an issue which could raise significant amounts of money and what apparently is to a certain degree a moral issue. I would ask permission of this body to offer at this time an amendment which I have given to Mr. Brown as a complete substitute for the lottery bill and the amendment I very simply repeat puts on the ballot, do you want a lottery or do you not want a lottery. It is not a constitutional amendment, it is merely an expression of the peoples will on