

this particular issue. So Mr. President, I offer that amendment at this time.

SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk do you have the amendment on your desk?

CLERK: I have another bill, identified as request 1347.

SPEAKER: Well now Senator DeCamp, we have to get this straight as to whether you are offering another bill.....

SENATOR DE CAMP: I am offering the contents of the other bill as an amendment and total substitute for the original lottery bill.

SPEAKER: Let me ask you this Senator DeCamp. Does your amendment just simply just put the issue to a vote of the

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people, is the bill the same otherwise or.....what is the situation?

SENATOR DE CAMP: It just simply puts the question to a vote of the people. It would then depend upon this legislature to act upon this vote of the people. It does not make it mandatory that this legislature act. It tells the legislature that we either want it or we don't but it does not put the power of law or any constitutional amendment. In otherwords you might say that it is a popularity poll on this particular issue which the legislature could use as a guideline. The main question that all senators have always asked me is what do the people really think on this. If I knew what they thought I would then know which way I want to go. This would resolve that.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp, it is my understanding that on the Clerk's desk that there is a bill. Now you understand and I know what you are trying to do. But to introduce a new bill you would have to have a suspension of rules and go to committee. However if you are offering an amendment that is a different situation. If the amendment completely changes the nature of the bill then I think it is incumbent on the Chair to rule that it has to go back to committee. However I suggest this. Since you do not have a written amendment on the desk, that you defer this until tomorrow and get your amendment properly prepared and then the Chair can decide what it wants to do with it. There is no amendment on the desk, is that correct Mr. Clerk? The Clerk is saying that you offer an amendment in the form of a bill. I think that you have to offer the amendment in the form of an amendment. If you want to go into this right now, it is fine with the Chair but if you don't I suggest that you hold it over until tomorrow.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I am very easy to get along with, I will offer it in the strict form of an amendment. All it requires technically though, is merely writing an amendment on it though but I am happy to do that and I'll have it ready tomorrow if that is what the Chair desires.

SPEAKER: The question of course is whether the amendment is germane to the bill.