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CLERK: The amendment is an amendment to LB1054 on page 17, line 23 after the period insert such funds shall not be used to contract for services with any state agency.

PRESIDENT: That's the issue before the body at this time. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: O.K. Supplemental with that of course would be to strike the Cavanaugh language and substitute this language.

PRESIDENT: The amendment doesn't say that. Are you adding that to the amendment then.

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm adding that to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Add it to the amendment then. We are striking the Cavanaugh language and.. Senator DeCamp back to you.

SENATOR DECAMP: All this amendment does, is live up to the promise that was made on the floor by all the people who supported the day care bill. That promise was the state would not get into the business of setting up their own centers, using state agencies, and this amendment merely provides what they said. Senator Cavanaugh's amendment goes in the other direction and specifically guarantees that the state will get into the business. So I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I also have to oppose the amendment to the amendment from the point of view that this is not the place and try to put this type of wording in this document, which may or may not have far reaching affects. Let's just vote down both amendments and go on.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, on Senator Carpenter's recommendation after he was recognized three times, and on my amendment, the Chair used it's wit and did abandon fairness. This..the DeCamp amendment is a good deal broader than he seemed to be indicating in that my amendment as I explain applies to more than day care. It applies to..providing services to the elderly, direct and otherwise. The meals on wheels, transportation, home handy care. All of which are contracted with, by state agencies to other governmental agencies. Senator DeCamp apparently wants to put a halt to all that business. Or that would be the effect of his amendment, and I think this amendment is simply too broad to be acted upon as an amendment to my amendment. Senator DeCamp wants to completely restructure state services in these areas that we're apparently providing them, and the Chair arbitrarily at the encouragement of Senator Carpenter felt that that was a legitimate thing to do. I have to object to the Chair accepting this as an amendment, and certainly would urge the body to reject the amendment on this basis. The body doesn't have any idea of the consequences, and neither does Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Cavanaugh, just to defend the Chair in a small way. There is no way in which I mentioned earlier, and I already brought it to the attention of the body, that I could evaluate the content, and I don't think that's an arbitrary position of the Chair.