

own, and not attach it to this particular bill. I think, first of all, the question of germaneness could be raised here. But because of my uncanny desire to get along, and because of my nature, I'm not going to raise the germane issue. So I think, Senator Merz, what I would do if it were my bill, is I would suggest to my good friend Senator DeCamp, suggest to my good friend Senator Koch, that this issue should be addressed, but not on your bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I was pleased when Senator DeCamp chose to withdraw the motion, and then most curious to find out whether, you know, to see and maybe a little upset to see that Senator Koch decided to continue this debate, which has already stretched on far longer than it should have. Not only has this debate stretched far longer, but it's taken place on three separate occasions. This amendment has tried to be attached...has been proposed to be tacked on to so many bills in this Legislature that I'm beginning to wonder exactly just where this bill will end up. I think, like Senator Lewis, this bill ought to wind up in the... either the Revenue Committee or back in the Public Works Committee if it doesn't deal with the revenue issues. Now we talked about business equipment and licensing and those kinds of things, but local governments really ought to be treating this equally. I agree with Senator Kremer. But I can't understand the logic, and this is the logic that we always see, you know, when there's some inequity the thing to do is not to put something else on the tax rolls, it's to take something off the tax rolls. Never have I once seen...never have I once seen someone say, this ought to be licensed and they ought to pay motor vehicle license, because it's not being done equally across the counties. Never have I once seen people say, this should be put on the tax rolls. In fact, what is grabbed at is, this is inequitable, and therefore, as an inequitable situation, everything should be removed from the tax rolls. You know, this trend, I thought, was going to end. Maybe I hoped it was going to end, but I never, you know, you never can really underestimate the folks in the rotunda, and the more attractive they are the more successful they are. Now I don't know why that is, but I would just remind those in the rotunda who have had difficulty getting things done, that that rule...the more attractive you are, the more successful you are, may in fact be a very successful rule, and may be one that you ought to follow if you want