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government. We do not need the Lewis amendment because we already have a mechanism and that being the lid bill. We do need LB 138 as it is presently amended and for that reason I support the bill with no further amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I have got to get things focused here. I think we are missing maybe, the important part. So I need Senator Cal Carsten, maybe Larry Varne, anybody that knows something about 285 and LB 1. Unless I misunderstand, LB 1 as it is on the books right now would basically accomplish precisely what Senator Lewis wants to do or 99% of that. In other words, if you get money from this pot over here that doesn't just mean you can increase the budget. You've got to decrease the property tax. Isn't that...? Senator Carsten, as LB 1 is on the books now, aren't we pretty much doing what Senator Lewis wants to do?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp, the LB 285 that is on the board now does not spell out dollar for dollar reduction but the impact in it that does, it says when one side goes up the other side goes down. The impact is there even though it is not spelled out dollar for dollar, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I guess it occurs to me then, since we have passed LB 1 and now we are working on 285 in this direction. We didn't want to repeal LB 1, remember. The other day I kind of tried that. Maybe then this just clarifies it and makes it clearer. If we are going to be taking dollars out of one pot and giving relief we want to make sure with this amendment that the relief goes to property, property taxes and that is the thing that everybody is hollering about so maybe when we are talking about this we ought to be thinking about the other half of the question which is the various lid bills and how they are going to function. This can't be viewed independent of those things and with that logic in mind which we have already affirmed in these other proposals, it only seems super reasonable to adopt this amendment and spell it out clearly that that is where that relief is going to go is to property.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, we