

supposedly, that is in the book, that supposedly replaces the original bill and that totally changes the funding procedure, the guts of the bill to say that we are going to go from general funds to what I prefer to call an idiot tax at two or three levels but this is a concept that was not taken up at the hearing and accordingly if we accept this as a committee amendment we are accepting a bill that has no hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Let me see the amendments, let me see what we are talking about. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I would just state and I think that the other committee members were at the committee and they can maybe either verify what I say or disprove it. At the committee hearing I offered, made available to all of the committee members and the essence of the committee hearing was on basically this same proposal that I have here. The only difference is that Dan Drain has added some things that have been put in, but the major objection that Senator Murphy has, which is the taxing system, was the very essence of the hearing on it and I opened the hearing by saying, that this was a condition that Governor Charles Thone had made for his signing of the bill. So, I would submit that the amendments that I am offering are very, very close to what the hearing was all about. As I say, the other committee members were there, I think that they can verify what I am saying.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would then raise the question. What public notice was given? These hearings and the development of these bills are supposed to be for the benefit of the public, not for the benefit of the industry. The public had no knowledge that this was to be the proposition. None of those who are going to be taxed was given the weeks advance notice that is required by our rules.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well the Chair has this observation to make, Senator Murphy. There are voluminous amendments and some of the subsequent amendments also seem to appreciably amend amendments that you are referring to. The Chair is not in a position to make a determination until he sees all of the amendments. I can't make a determination based upon one set of amendments, because if you turn right around you have another set that seemingly does the same thing. Now if you are asking.....I guess what I am saying to you is that if you are asking me to rule on one set of amendments when there are about six sets of amendments I am saying that the Chair really in this case needs to see all of the sets and then can make a ruling.