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choice to make. Will you let the state live under a seven percent increase, or will your vote be the one which says, oh local areas can do it but we don't think it's necessary for us?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, now I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease? Has everybody voted? I'll wait for a couple of you to get to your desks. The question is, shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion passed. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for closing on his motion to amend.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just a few points. I would not have offered this amendment unless I in good conscience and in my mind on basis of my analysis and study believe the following two things...the following three things: Number one, that it will not cause a tax increase. Number two, that it will provide clear cut and direct property tax relief, which by golly we're needing out there, and number three, that that property tax relief would impact particularly rural areas, areas that have not been the beneficiary before. Okay, why do I say there won't be a tax increase? I think we have more than enough in reserves. I think just between me and the fence post that probably the income that this state's going to have because of inflation is going to be a little more substantial...considerably more substantial than maybe we're acknowledging. Now I would just remind you all who have sat in this body some time of Governor Exon's famous phrase, we'll deal with that next year... on state aid, we'll deal with that next year...we'll deal with that next year, and sure enough next year we dealt with it next year, and we deal with it next year and next year, and next year. Now I'm concerned about property taxes, and believe me the people in my territory are. They're so concerned about them that I'm just not sure but what they might, a bunch of them not take a little almost violent action unless things start getting straightened out.