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LB 585

File for specific amendment. The amendment is on page 2057 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have a third amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to return LB 585 to Select File for a specific amendment. It is to strike the DeCamp amendment printed on page 1947 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is kind of an important conversation and I would like to clear up some things before we start. The amendment I am proposing is to strike the \$10,000,000 of state aid. You may have read in the media and been under the impression that the amendment was not valid and had to have 25 votes to go on. I believe a check of the rules and the laws of the state will clearly show you that the amendment is on and that the only way to deal with it is to muster 25 or more votes to take it off or muster 30 votes to suspend the rules and correct the Journal. Now, I am prepared to do this. I repeat, I am prepared to support removal of the \$10,000,000 of state aid under the following circumstances and with the following understandings. First of all, the Appropriations Committee has spent, the members of it and then the entire committee this morning has spent the entire weekend trying to work out various solutions to capital construction and other budget problems. This morning it is my understanding they have reached a complete package that would accomplish the following: Be able to live within the 7%, in fact, under the 7% that they had set as their goal; be able to accommodate all the major capital construction projects; be able to accommodate certain local needs that apparently are of a critical nature. So I am going to withhold action on removal of the \$10,000,000 pending the following: Adoptance, or adopting of the unanimously arrived at Appropriations Committee package and a major change in LB 138 that I think Senator Carsten and another group are offering. It would provide the major things that the 138 people need, the counties need, but it would have, as I understand it, a termination date and if these things are done this Legislature can go home and know that not only have we lived within our state budget that we set for ourselves but in doing so, we have met all of the major state needs that were raised and we have bailed out local government in a critical matter, the counties on 138. At such time as hopefully the Appropriations Committee is successful and Senator Carsten and the other group are