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LB 507

ask Senator DeCamp two questions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator DeCamp, I understand and I trust everybody understands, this has nothing to do with LB 507 per se or as such, that you are using this as a vehicle to delay action on the ton-mile tax. Right?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Kremer, that is absolutely correct. It has nothing to do with this bill. I admit that. I am using this bill merely as a vehicle. I think the bill is strong. I think it is going to pass. I am hitching a ride. I am also solving a problem.

SENATOR KREMER: My next question...did you or did you not agree that you would guarantee a 30 vote on this bill with your amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, obviously, I couldn't guarantee one thing as an individual. I think the bill is actually strengthened...strengthened by this amendment, if it is agreed to. I think the bill would be strengthened by this amendment, and I would believe that 30 responsible people at the end would then want to vote for the bill.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you. That is fairly good.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Powers, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR POWERS: Senator DeCamp, could I ask you a question, please?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, sir.

SENATOR POWERS: What is the anticipated income from this levy, this tax?

SENATOR DeCAMP: The anticipated income, I think we had about one and a half million. My latest calculation showed actually more than that because somebody ain't been telling or maybe fessing up to the whole truth about how many coal trains are going through. The information I get now from some private calculations I have done is it would be more than one and a half million, but you are in that range.

SENATOR POWERS: Thank you very much.