

it be delayed again, but then having one year to gear up for a full lobbying effort to get this bill, you know, repealed. I certainly have no problems. I know that you are a man of your word, but I guess I am concerned. Like I say it is just a gut reaction, I haven't been involved with this but I wish that I had a little bit more assurance that there would be no way that they would ever come back again and try and get this thing repealed.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Neil, you have got an awful legitimate concern. In fact, I knew when I stood up and offered this that that was a legitimate concern. The point is simply this, there is simply no instance I can remember where something like this has ever been done, in other words, imposing this tax against actually overwhelming odds, but you, legislators, this legislator said, look we don't care about lobbyists, we don't care about the big boys, we believe this is right, and we put her on. Then we did the next step. We said, we will give you the benefit of the doubt, delay it long enough to try to work something out. I think there is a legitimate question as to whether we have had enough time. I am willing to give them the benefit of the doubt. Now I don't nibble at the railroad room or any of the other things. I don't have any obligations there. I am telling you this. I am putting myself on the line on this. I am willing to go for the delay because it is a chance to stand up publicly and say, you really are in deep now unless you come up with an alternate solution. It is also a chance, quite frankly, to avoid a one or two or three week battle over repeal of that tax which they will go for. I think it is a reasonable middle of the road solution that can be implemented, and, Neil, whether you are here or not, I am committing myself here publicly in front of God, man and ETV to do whatever is necessary to make sure there is a solution by next year, or to tell the railroads, look, you have got to go over the top of the Legislature to ever repeal it or you have got to come up with a better solution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, your light is on.

SENATOR HABERMAN: My goodness, Senator DeCamp, what a change from last year. You were so enthusiastic that we pass this bill. It was a necessary bill, and now you want to delay it a year. Let's go ahead, let them pay it, let them try to fight it, because we don't know that you will come back again next year and say 1982. All the fighting and the fussing and the fuming we went through, we passed it. Let's let them pay it, and let's go ahead. Now I don't know