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SENATOR DeCAMP: An aggregate composite of sales assessment ratios ultimately will set those values.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, one other point, Mr. President. We have a bill before our committee, LB 983, that has a definition in it, the same...not exactly, but the ultimate result is the same as Senator DeCamp is trying to amend this bill to do. That bill will be up for hearing again today and we will have testimony on it from the people out at the grassroots that deal with it regularly. I would urge you not to adopt this amendment at this time until we see what comes out this afternoon. I am opposed to the amendment. I think it is an attempt for Senator DeCamp and he has that right, I am fully aware, to try and do it here. But I urge you not to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb and then Senator Keyes, and then Senator Cope. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would just echo what Senator Carsten has said in that this amendment is certainly a major amendment. It is by-passing the committee hearing procedure and it is attaching an amendment here which looks like maybe a fairly simple amendment but it is far-reaching, and I would suggest that this is not the proper time or place to do it and I would urge the amendment be defeated.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. Speaker, to my good friend, Senator Johnny DeCamp, and if Johnny DeCamp will listen for just one moment he will get an awfully good inkling of what goes on in a buyer's and seller's market. Senator DeCamp, we raise puppies at home, little dogs, and if we had four when they come out to buy it was hard to sell them, but when we only had one and we had one willing buyer and they wanted the doggie real bad, we could sell it for whatever price they wanted, whatever price they would be willing to give. Now, Senator DeCamp, when you talk about a willing buyer and a willing seller, if you put that into the law and because one house changes hands by a willing buyer and a willing seller and that happens to be \$60,000, that don't mean that all the other houses like that are worth \$60,000, just because of that. You have got to have something else written into the statutes and this Legislature, with the help of our tax commissioner, has written some good things into law, and you are wanting to throw them over in one heap. Senator DeCamp, think about them for a while.

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