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LB 613

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to 613. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the committee amendments, adoption of the committee amendments to 613. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays on the motion to adopt committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Okay, we have a series of amendments. We would appreciate your attention while we go through these. Senator Keyes, you have an amendment. The Clerk will read.

SENATOR KEYES: Will the Speaker read the amendment please and everybody pay attention so you know what we are doing.

CLERK: (Read Keyes' amendment found on page 964 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR KEYES: I am turned on now and before I get through I may really be turned on. Well let me tell you, my friends, I and Senator Dworak had the original bill and it was on property and that is what the people of this state are complaining about is their property taxes. I have never had one walk up and say my sales tax is too high. My sister comes up from Tennessee and it is 6%. We want a lid on property or else no lid. We have a good lid that is going to go on property and the people can vote it in. Senator Warner passed this bill last year with the blessings of Senator Koch and it is a good bill. It lets every subdivision of government set the lid that it wants to spend, the amount of money it wants to spend. All this amendment that I have will get away from this tomfoolery that comes about whereby Metro Transit, I want out from under it because it is a burden on me. We got a township that wants out. It is a burden on me. Want a fire department, it's a burden on me. We've got school districts that says we just can't live with the lid. It is a burden on us so take it off. Take me out and leave everybody else in. It is one of those where you are going to have candy and not let the kids have any. So all I ask you to do is kill this bill, kill this bill that puts a limit on the amount of money that any subdivision of government can spend. Let there be a lid on property taxes. Let there be a lid by the local districts if they want to but under no circumstances should we have a lid like we have on now. I will wait and close.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you have an amendment to the Keyes amendment?