

SENATOR SCHMIT: If that happens the responsibility is theirs. But if it happens also, let me tell you this. We do not lose, I haven't lost because we are still in the position we were when the session began. You are going to find sooner or later that other major issues will be dealt with exactly as this issue is being dealt with and then there will be those that will cry foul, but the problem will still be there. So I ask you to defeat the Carsten amendment, meet the issue of 882 head on, if you want to kill the bill, kill it. But don't try to amend it to death, don't try to procrastinate it to death because the same tactic will work on homestead, it will work on state aid, it will work on every other major issue which you are talking about here. We have seen it time and time again. We are now down to the last few days. In the usual manner we are trying to address all of the major issues in two or three final days and instead of deliberating in the manner in which we should be gambling on whose side will be able to hold out the longest and if you open the lobby room door, Senator Marvel, it will be like a bunch of cattle heading for the gate, and it will be dependent upon who happened to be able to hold on the longest, and that is a poor way to legislate. I would hope that some of those persons who had been opposed to the idea of 882 would recognize what is happening, recognize the consequences of what is happening and oppose the Carsten amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb. We are speaking to the Carsten amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, my purpose in punching my button to call for the question, if you think the matter has been sufficiently debated, I would call for. . .to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair will take the prerogative of continuing for a few moments, because the debate has not been that extensive. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: (no response).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Carsten amendment?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, yes I do. Senator Carsten, Senator Carsten, could you yield to a question? Naturally the way things are moving here we are not sure what your amendments were and since there haven't been many substantive amendments before this one, I do have a question about this particular amendment. What you. . . could you explain very, very briefly what the amendment does, what the substance is please.