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or more effective and will accomplish everything that we wanted to do under the weatherization fund.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Section 6 or I should say the sixth concept is to give the Governor certain emergency authority when we do have energy shortages. Another concept, give the Energy Office additional powers to facilitate its ability to deal with energy problems without disturbing the present bureaucratic structure. Finally, the eighth section says that there will be changes in government purchases policy so that when they are purchasing things they will purchase energy efficient devices. That about concludes the concepts of the bill. It is my understanding that the Governor is satisfied with this proposal. It is my understanding that he will sign this proposal. It is also my understanding that several of those Senators who did have grand reservations about the bill originally now find it acceptable, and I repeat, or I say the bill in its present form either directly or indirectly has accomplished or will accomplish every single thing...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...that we originally planned and in a manner that is constitutional. I would urge you to adopt the amendments that are proposed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator DeCamp, I compliment you on removing the studded snow tires from that original draft but I still am...let me see if I understand the concept. Under this the utility will be the functioning party and it may function either as an agent for the fund or it may function as you indicate voluntarily apparently with its own fund, am I on track so far?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Right, but it is a purely optional thing with the utility.

SENATOR MURPHY: But it can serve either as an agent for a fund or it can serve on a direct basis with its own (interruption)?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is correct.