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essence of it is, the final paragraph, "Senator DeCamp, adequate federal funding for both materials and labor", the big issue was labor, "for weatherizing homes is currently available in Nebraska. It is not possible to predict what Congress will do so we cannot say that adequate federal funds will always be available. It is safe to predict, however, that there will be adequate federal funds available for weatherization at least until the 1981 Legislature meets. If there is a problem arising, it can be addressed at this time." The point I am making is through working with the Department of Energy here, through bringing everybody together constantly, even those in continual conflict, we were able to resolve this major and thorny problem and for that reason I think I can safely say that section of the bill can be struck because the program is being accomplished and will be accomplished in an even better manner. I know it would not have been possible had we not kept the pressure on and kept working together trying to find a common middle ground. I urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Does anyone wish to talk on the DeCamp amendment? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: It only takes a simple majority. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the DeCamp amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Schmit and I believe copies have been distributed to the membership.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you will recall that I had a bill LB 990 which I introduced at the request of the Governor and which was an attempt to try to do something about standards of heating efficiency and other matters that related to energy in the State of Nebraska. These amendments that I am proposing here today are the amendments that are necessary