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by Senator Vickers. All those in favor of returning the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 11 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now the motion is to adopt the Vickers amendment. Okay, Senator Keyes, do you want to speak to the motion? Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and Senator Koch, the die has been cast so to speak and I am a realist working on a limited amount of time here. I believe the Legislature has indicated by their votes they wish to go the state aid route this year. I will not offer any further amendments on any homestead bill because we are running out of time. I will from this point on, because this direction has been chosen, work as hard as I can to make sure this does go. I will also, as I have in the past, support ADM. About four or five years ago I came within one vote of getting it done. With this additional money it may be possible. I would suggest, I would suggest to the Legislature something else for you to think about. We have chosen the direction of state aid with our surplus money essentially. We have also chosen effectively to change the formula to make sure Lincoln and Omaha are held harmless and actually end up in pretty good position. I think it only reasonable now that this direction has been chosen and clearly indicated by a majority that the following two things also be done in fairness to the state. Number one, 882 should be allowed now to pass just in its present form because the balance has been achieved if you put this additional...with only twenty million it is achieved and a change in formula, quite frankly. 882 and state aid balance out and basically rurals and urbans end up in essentially the same position. So those of you who are the victors on this I think should also be realistic enough to know that 882 in its present form should be passed. Finally I would suggest in fairness if we are picking priorities and those of us who were supporting direct money to homestead people are willing to abandon that for this year, I think you should reconsider heavily whether we couldn't structure something so that the state employees receive a fundamental fair increase in state income or in their salary. This can also be engineered with this or can be structured with this entire thing to make sure that there is no tax increase. With the Vickers amendment, if it is adopted, and I will now support