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LB 882

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, on 882.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I tried to lay the groundwork this morning by suggesting that we are looking at probably one year solutions this year and we better be facing up to the task of redoing the whole tax system next year. I believe with the provisions that the state aid people or I should say the Legislature put in state aid this morning, it makes an adequate balance, an adequate balance for urban areas in terms of receiving what money the state is distributing and I believe any arguments that 882 take successively in the other direction are balanced by that very action this morning. For that reason I am going to withdraw my amendments and in a few minutes, for that very reason, I am also going to suggest the amendments on the homestead bill that I proposed be withdrawn. The reason is simple so you understand all these things are related. Number one, we have a limited amount of surplus funds.

SENATOR CLARK: Are you withdrawing the amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, I am withdrawing it.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is withdrawn, you're off. What is the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell has an amendment on 1614 he wants to withdraw.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is an amendment on page 1629 that was originally offered by Senator Warner but is now being offered by Senator Newell. It is on page 1629.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, this amendment is an amendment to strike the escalator clause, the escalator provisions to 882. Now the escalator provisions to 882 simply is a proposal that would give back to local governments as they increase their taxes from the property tax, would give them back from the state treasury, an additional dollar for every ten dollars they raise their taxes, sort of a bounty on raising your taxes. That is what this proposal is. Now in 1977 the Legislature passed 518 and 518 was accepted by the Governor of the State of Nebraska, Governor Exon who previously had opposed personal property tax exemptions and he supported this proposal because of the \$70,000,000 ceiling. Now I have to admit that