

overall fair to the state in terms of accomplishing your tax purposes and having a kind of a halfway equitable tax system and I think this in conjunction with the existing system accomplishes that. You've got your state aid, about 50 million going on the basis of devalued property. In other words, the less property you have, the more money you get. Here we've got about 70 million that would be based on the corresponding thing the other way. The more property you have in a county, the more you would get on the theory for example, among other things, that the more of your tax base you lost for example when you eliminated your personal property because there is a direct relationship, always has been and there is nobody ever contested that. And it will probably force a balance in the equalization thing. I think it will. As to constitutional, I repeat and I repeat clearly for the record and for the court should it go to court, the Attorney General's opinion indicated that we had not stated the goals and purposes and relationships between the particular formula and what our objectives were. We have stated those in the statement of intent. Now somebody can say well they don't agree. Maybe some clerk just out of law school that works for the Attorney General can say, well I don't think that is a good purpose. That is not it. As long as that classification is reasonable by our standards and a court can't say it is just arbitrary and capricious, we're okay and I think we are okay here and I think given the chance with this new additional information, the Attorney General is going to reasonably say, yes, you have filled in the missing links and you have made specific findings that this is your basis for classification and we can't say arbitrarily that your decision is arbitrary and capricious. So I think the thing will fly and I think it will be good and I think it will get the problem solved. So I urge you to adopt the amendment and advance the bill and see if we can't get the issue settled. Is it a perfect solution? I have never claimed it was but you remember this, valuation is the thing I have been pushing for about six years in this particular issue so it isn't a new discovery on my part, Senator Newell. It is the same thing I have been working with on about six years and said we would ultimately probably come to something like this. I urge you to adopt it and so on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 13 nays on the adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Do you want to move the readvancement of the bill?