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SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, did you want to speak?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Mr. President. Very, very briefly. Senator Carsten said this is a big problem. I would not only say it is a big problem, I would say it is an even bigger problem. Last time I was up home...I hope none of them are listening to this one, I couldn't believe the number of pickups that have converted over to propane and so on and so forth, and I told them, a couple of them, good friends of mine, I said, you know, we are going to have to get some system so that you don't forget to pay that tax. Well, they explained to me that they just as soon I didn't do that, in fact, they were talking about lynching and things like that if we did. But I really believe this is important. In fact, I believe it is important enough that by Select File I would like to offer a recommendation to Senator Carsten. Senator Carsten, I would suggest that the system you have got here ain't going to get her done, that if you want to do it you have got to be upfront and like just have a flat permit system, \$100 or \$150 or whatever, if you want it \$150 a year or something like that, some you will be overcharging maybe a little, some you will be undercharging, but it is about the only way to make it cost efficient and to make sure you get them all. They would have to have a permit just like on the window if they are going to run on propane or these other things, because that is about the only way you are going to be able to absolutely make sure you collect that tax. I know on propane everybody and his brother has a tank they can automatically fill from and I am just guessing if you would actually check what percentage are paying the tax that I could count that percent on these two hands and hold one hand folded. It is a serious problem that amounts to hundreds of thousands, millions of dollars. I suggest that by Select File you think about a permit system.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I move the previous question.

SENATOR LAMB: That will not be necessary. Senator Carsten to close.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, to comment on Senator DeCamp's suggestion and so forth, Senator DeCamp, relative to your suggestion, that will be a part of the amendments that will be forthcoming. We had some details in there that were not quite worked out. It has taken a long time. But I agree with you the enforcement part is going to be a problem but we are trying our

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