

will provide more property tax relief and I am certainly going to support one of them even if it does take a one percent sales increase. So I say to you this morning, let's go ahead and defeat this motion and take it from there.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I guess my inclination when I walked onto the floor this morning was to vote in favor of bringing 210 to the floor. I think now I am going to vote against bringing 210 to the floor and my reason would be kind of the old simple argument, fool me once, your fault; fool me twice, my fault. Let's go back just, I think it was last year or maybe the year before, property tax was made repeatedly the highlight of what we were going to do regularly, but what did we, in fact, do? We, in fact, took away property tax relief that did exist, if you recall. We repealed property tax relief we were already sending back, cleverly slipped that money over into the general fund, and, of course, used it then for the other things, University, et cetera. It has been said repeatedly here this morning that we should raise this bill for the purpose of keeping our options open. I would suggest that experience over the years in this body shows you that when you have too many options in the Legislature you end up having no options and you merely create a number of escape routes and that is my concern that we are not creating an option, we are creating ultimately an escape route that will end up with nothing being done on the overall picture of property tax. With the blessing of the Executive Board I did, like many other legislators here, conduct a poll in my district and I used very detailed and very specific questions, not just do you favor or oppose property tax relief, but explanations as to where the property tax dollar went, this kind of thing. Overwhelmingly to my great shock and surprise, overwhelmingly, and I will grab here the figures I have, my district, conservative, mostly Republican I would say, or heavily Republican, specifically say that they want property tax relief and that they will pay a higher sales and income tax to get that property tax relief and they say it not in small numbers but at the level of 75 percent of them say that the property tax now is, without question, the most unfair tax. I, personally, will not ultimately support merely an 18 million. Ultimately, I would like to see about an \$823 million budget, which is a very incredibly tight budget, and then anything above that specifically targeted