

SPEAKER NICHOL: You withdraw your motion, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, sir, for now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Mr. Clerk, do you have something else?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to indefinitely postpone LB 662. That would lay it over unless the introducers agree to take it up at this time.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Take it up, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Senator Rod Johnson, kill motion.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I rise somewhat reluctantly because I think this issue is timely. I think Senator DeCamp has really covered a lot of the questions and the areas that I wanted to cover, but the real question here in my mind is if we're talking about tax equity, and Senator DeCamp has hit on this, I still don't think you're going to achieve that tax equity. Rural property is still going to carry the bulk of the taxation in supporting schools. There is no other way around that until we come up with a method of dealing with that. I've talked to some people this morning that said, this is phase one of a greater plan to deal with this inequity problem in our taxation issue, but I still think that until we have that plan before us or at least all of us know what is going to go on here, I think that this bill should be killed or at least reconsidered, sent back to the committee and work as Senator DeCamp has indicated, sit down with the people from the Class I's, from all of our class of schools and discuss how we're going to fund our schools in this state. I want to see all the schools in our state advance themselves, provide better quality education. I've been on a task force studying secondary education, studying education in this state and I certainly know that my decision here to pursue the kill motion is not very popular with some of the people in the back of the Rotunda today, but I feel very strongly that we need to address that situation, the tax situation first, how we're going to fund our schools in a way in which we're not going to have the burden or the bulk of the burden rest on a small portion, as Senator DeCamp indicated, of rural property owners because certainly as Chairman of the