

vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment to LB 344.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move that LB 344 be advanced from Select File to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: All those in favor of advancing the bill from Select File say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. LB 344 is advanced. That completes the mechanical action on all those bills on Select File, except LB 662, which I guess we will return to at this time. Any further matters for the record, at this time, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, not at this time.

PRESIDENT: I guess you have the floor, Senator DeCamp.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators DeCamp and Carsten's amendment is on page 835 of the Journal.

SENATOR DECAMP: Is Senator Carsten here?

CLERK: He checked in. He is somewhere.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, Mr. President, with the indulgence of the body I will briefly explain the amendment. I see there is very little indulgence and not much of a body. Mr. President, this amendment merely guts, destroys and wipes out the bill. Does that get your attention? There we go. This amendment was offered by Senator Carsten and myself. I see Senator Carsten is now here. I suggested, originally, that LB 662 does not deal with the underlying, fundamental problem that is causing the strife in education in this state and that has created literally warring parties, which is not good for education or for the state. That fundamental, underlying problem, I suggested, is the financing system upon which our educational system is based. That financing system relies primarily and too heavily on property. Property was once a true reflector of wealth and ability to pay, and also was an equal system when somewhere