

and geographic sections of the state, charge them with drafting legislation to resolve the problems and issues identified by the Education and Revenue Committees. That special committee would submit their recommendation back to the Executive Board no later than November 1, 1985. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I've been quiet this morning. It's been kind of interesting. We had three major proposals yesterday. One was the one-third, one-third, one-third. A second one was basically a uniform mill levy in a single taxing district. The third one was the interim study as a substitute. Interestingly enough we have adopted each one of those today in one form or another. We merely added them on to the bill. I do, to be very honest with you, and I'm talking to both supporters and opponents of the bill, I think the Lamb one which was adopted, I voted for, I think it has some constitutional problems. I think the supporters of the proposal may have wounded themselves there. At some point I guess I think we ought to bring this all to a head, whether you are supporting or opposing. I guess I'd say this is the vote to do it. This is up or down. This decides whether we are going to avoid the issue, and I'll be honest with you, that is what I'm going to do, I'm going to vote to avoid it because that is my way of killing the bill. I've made no secret that I'm opposed to the bill. However, I'm not going to pretend, when I'm voting for it, that I believe the study is going to do a damn bit of good. Why? We've had more studies than you can shake a stick at on this issue. We know the underlying problem. The underlying problem is the reliance on property tax, the heavy reliance, so there is no secret there. Senator Carsten has studied it. He can tell you. Senator Schmit has offered bills and they've had studies. The underlying problem is the heavy reliance on property tax. That is what you will conclude, one more time, after a study. I would suggest as follows to both supporters and opponents, and I don't know whether the bill has got enough to pass, my best guess is it's got about 23 to 26 votes, probably 25 pretty solid, maybe 1 shaky here or there that could decide the fate of it. My suggestion is this be your deciding vote. I'm voting to adopt the amendment. The amendment guts the bill, that is what it does. If you don't adopt the amendment the bill is in its original, ragged form