

is no purpose in it. We already have a homestead exemption bill in LB 712 which is still alive. It is alive on General File. So let's have two options here and if you don't like this bill in its original form when it goes to advance, that, of course, is your prerogative and you can vote against it. But let's not make two bills that are almost the same. Let's have those options. I ask that you adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Lamb amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lamb's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Lamb amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I have an amendment to the committee amendments from Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, the amendment merely clears up that you're are only going to use a penny and it is going to be prorated if you don't have enough money for whatever program you embark on. I guess I would ask you to adopt the amendment and then I would suggest we kill the bill because it is abundantly clear, at least it is getting clear to me that neither side has anywhere close to a solid 25. I think one side perceives this is an opportunity to take care of the higher property taxpayers in the agricultural and business community and the other side perceives it somewhat as has been correctly stated, as a homestead exemption plan, in other words, to reduce the taxes for the homeowner. Senator Lamb mentions the \$18 million for homestead exemption. I might tell you with 300,000 homeowners, that amounts to \$60 for them. They get their \$18 million split among 300,000. Senator Lamb's program as you have just adopted gives about \$100 million to a rather, rather, rather much smaller group and indeed they are paying a lot of property taxes. I don't question that Senator Lamb's unit, Senator Rod Johnson's farm unit, I don't question their paying property taxes in large amounts. But they also in most cases are paying at a completely different mill levy