

it is going to be lost if we don't get something closer to a strong majority one way or the other. Senator Lamb and Senator Hefner suggested the bill came out of committee and is very little changed. It is very dramatically changed. Remember? At first it was open-ended. The Legislature has made every single vote to keep it closed with some limitation. The only question is, what the limitation? And my very real fear is the bill will not go anywhere or it will be killed or it will be stalled. Whereas, if it were in committee right now, the committee now has enough direction as a result of the debate on the bill that they might actually work it into something and working with the Legislature up here, come up with something we could get something done this session. Otherwise, I think it is realistic to say that some of the people who have been lobbying the bill very hard to get...and listen to this, please, who have been lobbying to get 10 percent and a 1,000, don't want the bill at all. They don't want it because that would generate a tax increase. That would generate the penny sales tax. And I believe the whole goal is do nothing on property tax, keep a few shills like this in a state of confusion, thereby defeat any exemption correction bills, therefore, defeat any need to raise any additional revenue through the bank bill and I believe the whole purpose is to create a stalemate. And I am, as I say, spitting it out kind of straight. That is why I wanted to see the bill go back still alive but clearly the focus of the Legislature's attention. I don't think it is going to happen here but mark my words she is headed for a stalemate otherwise.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the DeCamp motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? There are 7 excused. Well, Mr. Clerk, I guess just as well record.

CLERK: 15 ayes...I'm sorry, 14 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Anything else on it?

CLERK: I think we are at the point, Mr. President, where we are in a position to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, we are back on the committee amendments. Anybody want to talk about the committee