

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. For your information, approximately 27 minutes have expired of the hour's time and Senator DeCamp, you are recognized.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I have an inclination which Senator Lamb wants to kill me for not only to vote to kill this bill but to vote to kill 712, to vote to not fund the \$18 million exemption, the whole package. In fact, I would like to propose about three or four other ideas to complete the session. But I will tell you why. There have been four events occur since LB 662 and LB 38 started out that make me believe, personally, that we are that close to doing something really significant if we don't do an intermediate step. Let me explain the events. We started out on 662, my normal inclination would have been to try to get something done there in terms of reorganization, but, if you will recall, I said simply, we have got to redo the whole financing system rather than try to go at the reorganization route. The second event that occurred, surprise of surprise to me, was Cal Carsten stood up and agreed, and that was significant because Cal and I have been going pretty much in diametrically opposite directions on the whole picture of property tax relief. The next event that happened was the third person who has been most involved in the entire property tax area but has not been able to get a bill out of committee for seven or eight years, Senator Schmit went along and actually got adopted the one-third, one-third, one-third concept, actually put into law ready to sit on Final Reading, an idea he would have repudiated once upon a time. So three people who have been involved in this were all singing from the same hymn book for the first time and that new hymn book was, change the whole system of financing education rather than the piecemeal approach of DeCamp or Carsten or Schmit. But the fourth event occurred just a couple days ago. Shocker of shockers to me, Senator Warner stood up and said, as I recall in essence, and I am paraphrasing a bit, I guess I have rethought things. I am looking at things different maybe than I started out years ago. And he agreed, as I recall, that maybe we have to find a different system of financing education. These four individuals have over the years all gone in independent, individual and different directions and they have been the ones that have been involved so heavily in the property tax area and whether the sales and income tax should be encroached for financing education. And yet remarkably enough the debate over 38 and 662 has them all singing, so