

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's kind of a traditional question, Senator DeCamp, but I think it is important especially when the vote is so close on an issue like this. Will you be supporting the bill if this amendment is adopted?

SENATOR DECAMP: Incredible as it sounds, I will, and I think some others will too. And I'll tell you something else, I was just handed a note by Senator Lamb which rocked me. Howard Lamb said if this is brought back for this amendment, he will not attempt to...oh, any amendment, he will not attempt to trap the bill "on Select File", which has been the fear of the supporters all day. So I don't know how much more I could ever give you than what I am offering right now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, as I understand what you are saying, you would support the bill without further amendment if this amendment is adopted. Is that correct?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm supposed to be careful. But I guess I would have to say I know the bill is going to pass. If I could get this done, I'd figure I had done more than the original bill started out to, and I'd say yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as Senator Hoagland indicates, I really do believe that we are not biting off a realistic chunk. If the Legislature truly believes, if each of you, individually, truly believes that this is something we can do, fine. I'm not against it in general principle. But I hope that you will be honest with yourselves in two respects. First of all, whether you truly think we are going to do this, are we telling the public something we can do and are willing to do, or are we not? Secondly, don't vote for it unless you truly believe in it. I hope we are at an end of the tactics, of the trap play tactics, and the...and now it appears to me that we are starting the tactic of redundancy, that is this is the very same amendment, in effect, that was before us yesterday. It seems to me that we have another amendment coming up that is essentially the same amendment that we had yesterday. I don't want to impugn anybody's motivations, but I hope that