

Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Scofield, did you wish to advance the bill, please. The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Anything else left?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, it may be futile but I hate to be so close to the River Jordan and not go ahead and try to cross it. We have been talking for days about financing of education, tax equity, all of these things but none of us wants to take that final step and actually put it in place now. That is what the amendment does. I've tried to talk to a few individuals and find out what has to be given, what has to be corrected, where is the magic line where you can make it happen. Senator Warner raised a legitimate argument. He says, I don't know that they will ever fund it, you will pass something but then you won't fund it. Well, I think between now and the time you would spend the first money, and I want to make this clear, the first money you spend isn't January '87, even though we use the title '87, the first money is going to be September of '87. Remember, it is "fiscal year" not "regular years" so you would have another legislative session, the whole '87 legislative session. But, what have I done different in this amendment? I have done two things different. Number one, I have put the funding right in there. Now I am hopeful in the next couple legislative sessions, even maybe this session, we'll do the things to raise money whether it's broadening the tax base, whether it's adopting some version of Senator Remmers' and Senator Sieck's income tax plan which may be where we end up ultimately. But let's assume you need a little pressure to make you, this gives you the pressure. This says exactly what Senator Warner offered previously, beginning January 1, '87, if you haven't done anything else, you have a penny of sales tax and you start raising the money so you have it on hand. What else have I done different? I moved it back to 45 percent. I prefer 40, I prefer 35, I prefer 30, but if 45 is the magic number to get off a heavy property tax reliance for education, then that's what I will take. Now I repeat, I