

experiment. They wanted to see how well tea could be made from salt water. That became known as the Boston Tea Party, because of a minuscule tax on tea, a beverage which was not even essential, it was convenient. It facilitated the kind of sophisticated, genteel discussions that my sophisticated, genteel graduate from Yale would participate in, take the delicate cup of delicate brew and delicately raise the delicate little finger and sip and talk about taxation without representation. Stamp taxes and other things that they tell to the little children when they teach them about the principles on which this country was established. A stamp tax and a tax on tea will loom very large when you are trying to make children think that brigands and destroyers of property were, in fact, patriotic heroes. So it looms very large. But when you are going to do away with the fairy tales that you feed to gullible little children, that you make them regurgitate on examinations in civics and other places where you are teaching them to be patriots, when you are doing away with the mythology and coming to the real world you say, you forget all of those principles, you take a hidden tax and you stick it to certain classes of people. That is what is being done with LB 236. In the same way that there are more ways than one to skin a cat, there are more ways than one to kill a bill. Senator DeCamp has an interesting theory, and it sounds reasonable, it sounds plausible. It is probably the stuff of a good amendment. After all, Senator Haberman, while I'm talking about being fair to those who have to pay a hidden tax, if the Legislature insists on doing that they should at least send the tax to where such a tax ought to go, and I think you've taken that position and it is your bill. The father of the bill agrees with this amendment that Senator DeCamp is offering. I wanted to see what the Legislature intends to do...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so I withdrew my kill motion. I'm curious to see what you'd do on this amendment. I don't even know what is the intent with this bill when it was originally introduced, while it is being amended, or ultimately what it will be used for, unless it is to gut 662. I just don't know. But all of those things are floating around, Senator Hannibal. And those of us who humbly go along, trying to figure which step is going to be next, will just have to sit back and watch it unfold. But