

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, but may I please introduce some guests of Senator Eret. In the north balcony are 12 first through fifth grade students from the Peace Lutheran School in Deshler, Nebraska and teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator DeCamp, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, reluctantly but strongly do I support the kill motion. LB 662, as everybody has repeatedly stated, and as is becoming more apparent on a daily basis, was truly one of the most historic bills passed. I disagreed with one-half of it. I strongly agreed with the other half. It is signed into law. Each of us in his own way can deal with those parts in the future that he disagrees with. But the cornerstones for the change in education have been laid with that bill. I have an amendment up there to repeal the reorganization portion. I am not sure but what it wouldn't be successful. But I view 505, as long as it lives, as a ticking time bomb that can undo...that can undo the financing portion and be used for incredible mischief. If I were as dedicated for whatever reasons as Senator Johnson and some of the others are to undoing the financing, which seems somewhere between remarkable and totally unbelievable to me in view of the fact that they as much as anybody have said they want to provide a different financing system and want to provide property tax relief, I find it incredible to believe that for whatever motives they would sacrifice what they know or what I believe they know is right to do that. But rather than have this sitting as an instrument that could at any point throw the Legislature as it appears this morning into a hopeless course of partisanship from which you can't return, I suggest we would simply kill the bill, say we will each in our own way deal with those other two issues on whatever bills we find and not run the risk of either side spending the balance of the session putting together a coalition to destroy that portion of the bill they find unfavorable. So I am going to support the kill motion and I think wisdom suggests we all would at this point for our own self-protection.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, but before you speak may I please introduce some guests of Senators Goodrich and Hannibal. In the north balcony are 44 fourth graders from Rockbrook-Prairie Lane School in Omaha and teachers. Would