

certainly satisfies that disagreement that I had with the original bill. I think the weatherization is a worthy cause and any school board that wants to do some weatherization and can get some interest free money, it seems to me should be sufficient encouragement to go ahead with it and also the generous repayment plan which I think works something like this. If you...that the repayment plan per year would be one-half of the energy saving, so the district will have to pay for it down the road but it is an interest free loan. The savings on their weatherization on the energy cost should take care of it for them. It should encourage weatherization and then also it probably satisfies one big objection I have. I have always felt that the permanent school fund was something that we should protect. We spend the resources today and with the permanent school fund we save something for future generations down the road. So I heartily support this bill. I think it does encourage weatherization which is a worthy goal and it still leaves the money there and the districts eventually will have to pay for the cost of their weatherization but on very favorable terms. I urge you to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yeah, this is the...you may remember LB 126 and we spent quite a bit of time at the beginning of the session arguing on this bill and I made a promise to the body if anybody could come up with any better idea in the whole world to take the money, the severance tax money, and earn a better deal on it, come up with a better way to use it, that I'd go along with it. I also made the commitment that we would wait until January of '87 to vote on the final vote of the bill because that would give time for people to come up with a better idea. Senator Remmers, actually Dan Meyer who used to work for me, came up with this idea and guess I think it may be a better idea. We're using the same money for the same purposes, maybe a little bit more efficient manner so we can get even a greater return and I would simply point out to you that this is the biggest return on investment of any program I know of that we're investing in and so I'd encourage you to support the amendment and recognize that it is a significant change also, probably some implications that haven't entirely been mentioned here that I'm not even going to go into at this time, but it's a significant amendment.