

having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 2262-63 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 5 nays, 7 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill passes. LB 271.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator DeCamp would move to return 271 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator DeCamp's amendment can be found on page 1929 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, very simply, the amendment would continue LB 30, Senator Carsten's bill, for one more year, and if in the interim between now and next year the Legislature determined that the new formula proposed is not the best thing, or the fairest thing, or is not a workable thing, or even if it is perfect and needs modifications, they would have time to do it. Let me begin my concerns about the formula by saying this, whatever you do today, if you choose not to amend the bill, and I really think you should amend it, but if you choose not to amend it, for sure do one of two things, pass the bill with the emergency clause or don't pass it at all, because if you just pass it without the emergency clause, it will add additional problems. I suggest you don't pass it at all but I would submit further I would suggest you pass it with the amendment I am proposing to delay one year, and then let the Legislature come up and see if they want to do this formula. Let me tell you why. I think a grave misunderstanding on a simple term has occurred in the handling of this issue. The words "status quo", the words "status quo", you will remember that Amendment 4 was offered with the plan to "maintain the status quo" but there are two completely different interpretations of "status quo" and this takes the wrong one, the bill does. Status quo was interpreted by myself, I think, and most of the people supporting Amendment 4 to mean maintaining the system, the valuation system, that had been in effect for 50 or 100 years and that system was about 50 percent of actual value, in other words, maintaining a system. Status quo was interpreted I think by