

pretty simple story. It just simply means that if we were to take the financing out of 662 we then have, in effect, said to the world that as of now we are not going to increase sales taxes one cent, and as of now we are not going to commit ourselves into a spending program of an additional \$150 million, that as of now our options continue to remain open on school finance. I think that probably is the better course for our options to remain open. One final point. I think that what we did with 662 is historic, I think it is wise, I think it is good law. I'm sure there is a difference of opinion on that. I do not think this law should be repudiated. It is always possible, given the controversy behind 662, that a referendum could be started. The referendum could focus, not just on school organization, but also on the tax issue in 662. To me, to permit a referendum to focus on two separate items would be wrong. It is better to have it focus on one than two. So, for that reason, I think that the financing aspect of 662 should be removed, and I offer the amendment for that purpose.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, is there any even remote possibility that you are going to rule this germane? I mean...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, I hadn't been asked about it.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. Do you deem it, even by the wildest stretch of the imagination, giving the benefit of the doubt, it is not germane, is it?

SPEAKER NICHOL: It doesn't look like it.

SENATOR DECAMP: There we go, there we go. Okay, then I would object to the amendment on the grounds of germaneness.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you give me a minute to look at things here more closely?

SENATOR DECAMP: Sure, sure.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR DECAMP: Vard doesn't believe it is germane either. Don't let him woo you, with his words up there, privately.