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CLERK: 11 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of that amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, and again it's a specific targeted cut. This is a delay of the Munny Court takeover, about four and a half or five million, whatever it is. It would delay it, would simply delay it. You would probably have to pass other legislation to go along with it, but if you set the precedent here if you adopted this, then you would follow up with legislation. Munny Court primarily affects Omaha and Lincoln. In fact, that may be the only ones it affects. And what it is is direct property tax relief for them by transferring to all taxpayers, transferring to all taxpayers of the state, sales and income taxpayers, financing of the Munny Court system. That may be a good idea. It must be because the Legislature voted to approve it. At the same time, Lincoln and Omaha do have a special situation. That special situation is they have a sales tax, a local sales tax where they are getting considerable revenue. In fact, Lincoln just got a special half cent sales tax passed and Omaha has proudly announced that they are kind of awash almost in money as a result of their sales tax. We all pay that so maybe it wouldn't be the worst thing in the world to delay this for a year and then, of course, pass the additional legislation. All I can say is it is a specific targeted direct cut in significant amount, about half...\$5 million, that if you are serious about cutting and you want specific places, this is one. So I urge you to adopt this. Again, if we are not going to do the things that are very visible, that are very apparent, that are very clear cut cuts, how do you expect to do 20 million in other things?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, John is setting you up again. It's the old setup. John says, well, here is your chance to vote for individual cuts. If you don't vote for these, obviously, you are not in the mood for individual cuts, ignoring, of