

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chizek, I skipped over you. I understood you did not want to speak on the DeCamp amendment? You do wish to speak on the DeCamp...?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yes, I changed my mind. Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment. I do support Senator Beutler's amendment and I'll have more to say on that later, but I think the DeCamp amendment to the amendment is just too dangerous. I don't think there is enough thought went into the amendment and I oppose it. I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you'll oppose the DeCamp amendment. What's really happening to you here is that the University is coming in with a proposal because they don't like a straight across the board two percent. So that's really what it's all about. It's to help the University and I'm not either for or against that, but I'm for what I was for at the beginning, the tax cut, and I think we have to keep that straight and narrow vision again, that straight and narrow vision because we're going to get all fouled up if we get off the road here. But let me tell you why on a substantive...for real reasons why this should not be adopted. First of all, the amount of money that would be generated by this amendment is \$10.5 million. I'm following up on Senator Schmit's point which is a good one, \$10.5 million. The amendment without the DeCamp amendment raises about \$15 million. Now if you raise just \$10.5 million and if, and judge this in your own mind, and if the bank tax bill raising \$3 million does not pass and what are the odds that it will in the state that it's in right now, if that bankers bill does not pass, we lose \$3 million and that \$10.5 million represented by DeCamp's amendment will not be enough to avoid a tax increase. So while you will have completely failed, we will have completely failed in our goal. So if your goal is still to avoid a tax increase you should not vote for this particular amendment. Secondly, let me give you one more very important reason not to vote for it because it's going to exacerbate our problems next year. If you delay till January there is some short term savings for sure, but consider this, and, Senator Morehead, you will understand this from being on the Appropriations Committee. Your base