

deduction, so they are just not making the money. As for a lot of these banks buying tax exempt bonds, many of these banks aren't buying as many as they used to because they don't...do not need the tax exempt interest that they are getting. I've talked to a number of the banks in my district and they say that they are not buying near as many as they used to. I've had two failing banks in the 19th Legislative District. It is very devastating to a community, it is very devastating to a community. In fact, it just about ruins a community because these small businesses and farmers do not have anyplace that they can borrow money because the new owners of this bank that come in there they are very selective in their loans. Also the reason I am going to support the DeCamp amendment is because the Revenue Committee is having a study this summer. We are going to more carefully analyze it. Mr. President, could I have a little quiet? I just can't hear myself think.

PRESIDENT: Yes, I agree, Senator Hefner. I don't...(gavel). Members, please be more considerate, please, of the members speaking. (Gavel.) It is very difficult this morning. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: So, in closing I would just say that I think the DeCamp amendment is the way to go at this time. It will raise enough money in what the Governor has asked for. I think this is the right way to go at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Do you wish time to speak?

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called by Senator DeCamp. Do I see five hands? There are other members on the lighting list...speaking list. The question is...I do see five hands. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the motion to cease debate on the DeCamp amendment to LB 717. Please record your vote if you wish to vote. The motion is to cease debate. The motion is to cease debate. Please record your vote if you wish to vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails. Senator DeCamp, you may