

them has been declared unconstitutional. Remember, the railroad is going to say that our ton mile was unconstitutional? Had everybody in here convinced. I said, no. We were the first state to try it. Every other state is copying it now, raising money to build their overpasses. Been collecting millions of dollars under it. If it was unconstitutional you'd think that multibillion dollar railroads would have gotten that done, declared unconstitutional, don't you? This is a reasonable formula. It raises about the amount of money you want, that the Governor said. My own choice, to be honest with you, my own choice is just stick with 619 and live in the long-term. In the long-term it will produce a lot of money. That is not about to happen obviously. As an alternative, pass a tax that raises the money that they want right now, and then I say leave it in long-term. So that is why I'm asking you to support this amendment. I'll be here next year, if it turns out wrong you can string me up. But I ain't been wrong that much on the taxes that I've talked about over the years. I think I'm fairly safe in saying this is constitutional and the proposal that they have, that they are wanting you to adopt, is not constitutional. This will raise the revenue they want. I want to clear up one other thing. LB 619, 619 raised a lot of money. What nobody wants to ever admit on this floor, it seems, it was the old unconstitutional law that required all the money to be refunded, just like you had a big loss in one year so the taxes you owed them one year you had to credit back. That is what happened. LB 619 raised the money, but because of the illegal tax before they had to give the money back.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm just asking you to vote for the amendment. If you think the amendment isn't the right thing, and I think the amendment is the right thing, then just vote against the bill and leave it until next January and let them have a study and everything else, which I think should occur anyway.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to LB 717. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the DeCamp amendment to LB 717 which has been under discussion. Please record your vote. Please record your vote on the DeCamp amendment to LB 717 if you wish to vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?