

time it happens it pains me to the marrow of the bone because I know all too well who pulls what strings. It is wrong. It is absolutely wrong. LB 717 cleans up a problem with LB 619, cleans it up. We asked the Attorney General for an opinion on the cleanup. The opinion has just arrived and it is being photocopied, and it will be distributed maybe. I can't remember which Page I gave it to, though, I was in such a high dudgeon. In any event it is being photocopied. The opinion says that LB 717 is constitutional, it says it. No, the Attorney General can always be wrong, he can always be wrong, but at least the opinion says it is constitutional. Senator DeCamp and the banking lobby have waltzed in this morning with their amendment. They have waltzed in with their amendment and they have not had that amendment subjected to an Attorney General's Opinion. But we, on the Revenue Committee, did go visit with the Attorney General about the amendment. In the private conversation that took place the Attorney General said this amendment is probably unconstitutional. All right? Now we've requested an opinion but it does take some time to get them written. But in the meantime this body cravenly adopts the banking community's amendment. I was back at Yale University this week to attend my son's graduation, and it is a privilege to be in an atmosphere of intellectual honesty, it is a privilege to be in an atmosphere where scholarship counts, where truth is diligently sought, in fact the motto of Yale is "lux et veritas", light and truth, where in fact we don't throw in the towel at the quickest and earliest opportunity to the pied pipers in the Rotunda. Let me tell you, you make a mistake, you make a mistake in going with the DeCamp banking community amendment that our Attorney General has privately said is constitutionally suspect. You are dealing with an area where we blew \$30 million, we blew it, we gave it back, we gave it back to the banks because we so slavishly languished on an unconstitutional tax law. Thirty million dollars is gone, kaput, and now you take us down a path that maybe another 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 million can be gone, kaput. Our successors will be here talking about a bank tax and the same faces will be in the Rotunda, singing the same tunes and the same song. It is time to stand up, repudiate the DeCamp amendment, go with 717, go with the Revenue Committee, go with the earnest people that sit there and try to grind it out. You know we are not pied pipers, we are kind of the donkeys, and the mules and the grunts that stay in the trenches, try to get the job done. Sometimes it is