

digits, interest rates have not declined. We were told that when the dollar becomes weaker, exports will pick up, the economy will pick up, and things are going to get better. You heard Secretary of...Baker say yesterday, don't look for any spurt in exports. Well, ladies and gentlemen, where is the money coming from. I am more generous than most of you have been, and go back and check the record, go back and check the record.

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't apologize for it. When the money is there, the receipts are there, I will be the first one there to insist upon paying good employees good wages. I led the fight to give our own legislative employees adequate salaries many years ago, before most of you were here. I still insist that we ought to do that, but you do it in the face of reality. Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to support the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall the Schmit amendment to LB 1250 be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: A record vote, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1822 if the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The motion fails. Do you have something more on the bill?

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

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, Mr. President, I am not sure I should even attempt this again but I will, and I will say this will be the last time I will attempt to make any modifications in the pay, and I guess this is the appropriate time. My proposal is simply to delay until January 1, 1986, I mean in 1987 the increased pay. That is a six months delay, but it does protect the employees for next year. It locks in that base. However,