

All of these things combine to guarantee that at the end of each year a certain drama will be played out, and that drama is the Governor will discover how impotent he is in accomplishing his goals, and, therefore, he will make his dramatic vetoes for whatever goals he can accomplish there, and inevitably then the boomerang effect is the overriding of the vetoes. But I guess I had hoped it would occur for this reason, that if ever we did do these things, and there are some brutal vetoes, I full well understand that. But if it ever occurred it would send upstream, right into the cities, the counties, the schools, it would send upstream some very potent medicine that I think would force change. And unless you force change, you are not going to get your local government ever in control. And until you force change you are not going to get your property taxes under control. Property taxes are going to continue to increase. The expansions are continuing to go on. You'll never get it under control. But this is not the year, I recognize that. This is the year, like every other year, where at the beginning of the session the Governor gives the dramatic speech about priorities, about courage, about necessities for doing this and that, and at the end of the session the legislators give the identical speeches about priorities, the need to show courage, the need to send the message to the people. It is simply a process that we've had go on year after year. Once you crack that first veto you've inevitably bought the whole package. And so I suppose the best thing I can do, which I will do, is sit quietly and get these others processed as quickly as possible and get the bill over to the Governor so a minimum of other things are done. But I would say, I would say that consider for next year how you are ever going to do anything to get the spending at the local level under control. We do have, we do have some of the highest, if not the highest, property taxes on homes in the United States of America.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: We do have tremendous expenditures at the local level for state... I mean for local government as exhibited and evidenced by the number of local employees per capita. It is all there. But this year is not the year, I realize that. So let me simply conclude by maybe redoing one of Shakespeare's better known quotes, here was a state and a government that spent not too wisely but too well.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield, that Senator Abboud, please.