

denied. And you have been told somehow solve a \$4 billion state spending problem between 3 and 4 billion with the little piece of control you have of the 10 percent of the spending we really control here which is the state portion. So I am sure, as I say, that doing anything on homestead exemption which doesn't even come into play until the '86-87 session, I am not sure that makes any sense one way or the other up or down. We have got the '85-86 session we have got to deal with. That's what we are here for, but our first action is to deal with something a year and a half in advance and try to control a \$4 billion thing. I think I am just going to probably vote against the bill until we get the tools. And I think we as individuals have to begin an educational process about where the real spending in the state is going on.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is not necessarily here, in fact, it's not here, but this is where the focus of blame, responsibility and accountability is. If the accountability and responsibility is here, then give us the tools to deal with the total picture, whether that be spending lids at the local level, whether that be a complete change in the tax system to give the locals the sales tax, let them do what they want with it, whether it be any of those things, at some point we can no longer maneuver the whole dog with this 10 percent tail that we now control. That is what I am suggesting. If we don't have the tools, it is almost a mockery to do this one little piece here for a year and a half in advance.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Senator Beutler, Mr. Chairman, I don't agree with Senator DeCamp. We have got to start some place and we have got to start. There is a lot of...a myriad of things we have got to do. We have got to start some place. Sure, you can filibuster all you want to and that is what is happening. We know it. About a lid, I was visiting with a group from the Seward Chamber of Commerce this morning. The school board was there. County Extension was there. The city was there. No, they don't want cuts. Yet I asked them, can you stand a cut? And then the lid was brought up and you know what happened when we had the lid? It escalated our costs. Then I told the group, why don't you