

SENATOR DeCAMP: I said the most important part of the whole discussion was Senator Lewis' reading of the statutes. You know these things are already in the law. We have standards, we have guidelines. That is why when Newell came up with this thing I didn't object because it's in the statutes. So he repeats them. The point I'm trying to make is the only real difference we're doing in the bill is setting up a technique to start punishing people for not following what is in the law now. We've got the laws but they're meaningless. That is the point I made when we first started this whole discussion. We now have a penalty in there and we apparently have a version or a form that both the Tax Commissioner, who reviewed it, and the Attorney General, who reviewed it, feel it's constitutional in conjunction with other law. Remember, Senator Duis brought up an important matter. Already in existing law we have standards for valuations. I guess all I'm telling you is simply this, I don't know that this is any magic solution, or that it's going to do the job 100 percent. But I don't know any other way to get started. I don't know any other way. Senator Lewis started the session with 131 as a major bill to try to begin resolving this problem. I think you have to have it in this form before it is going to do anything. Will it accomplish it? Good grief, I don't know, but I think it stands as good a chance as anything that has been tried, at least since I've been here. I urge you to adopt the amendment and advance the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion before the House is the adoption of the DeCamp motion to return for specific amendment. Senator Duis, for what reason do you arise?

SENATOR DUIS: I want a point of clarification. At one time, during the latter part of Senator DeCamp's remarks, he said he was taking the Newell amendment. I want to know whether or not that was put in it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That was in his...he accepted that as part of his amendment.

SENATOR DUIS: I don't think he can accept it that way. He submitted an amendment and that amendment has to be amended in its original form. He can't substitute words in an amendment, or even in a bill without an amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Well the Chair has ruled that there can be no amendments on here. So then you'll just have to consider it in its original form then. He has a right to put that amendment, ...yes, that is right. We're only talking, now, about returning for specific amendment. We're only returning for a specific amendment at this point. He's telling you what the amendment is going to be. It's going to include the Newell amendment, what would be a Newell amendment. He accepted that. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I'm sorry that I interrupted you. You make your ruling the way you want to, but if I put an amendment up there, that is the specific amendment that I'm returning it for.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That's right.

SENATOR DUIS: Now he has changed his amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: But he explained it to the body that that is what his amendment, specific amendment was, including the Newell amendment. If you want to consider it otherwise,.... He explained that he would include the Newell portion. Is that not right, Senator DeCamp? Is that not correct, you said part of your specific amendment was the Newell inclusion.