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tax. But, this body is usually not very brave when it comes to that subject either. So, I request you to turn down the DeCamp amendment. Lets leave it ear marked and lets pass 204.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Question.

PRESIDENT: There are no further lights. Would you close Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP. Mr. President, the issue is ear marking or not ear marking. We have talked about everything else here. Now believe me Senator Simon, I was here trying to pass the equivalent of this bill seven years B.S., that is Before Simon, yeah, he gave me that line, I thought you might like it. Any way if you really believe that you have got...I would say that you have to have 30 votes, if you really believe that you have got them, go ahead and reject the amendment. Go the other way. I don't think that they are there. I think that this is the way to get the program implemented. The way to keep accountability in the legislature, and the way to get it done now. I urge you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Now, Mr. President, I move advancement of the bill and I would point out that Senator Newell and those that had any question about what was intended, I have gone along with every single thing that you have suggested. You said, "Hey, what if 220 wouldn't get amended, that takes 30 votes, might take 30 votes then we would be stuck with 204." I said, okay, take 220 first. Then they said, "Don't pull that amendment off of 204 first." I said, okay, we go and we prove, either we have got 30 votes, 30 I said, not 25, or we don't. I now urge you to advance the bill and do the next step which is to make 204 compatible with this and we will have us a real honest to goodness, this year, alcohol detoxification program and the funding for it with the funding being financed by increase in alcohol taxes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator DeCamp, I would like you to ask a question because if you feel that you put Senator Newell's mind at ease and Senator Simon's mind at ease, maybe you can set my mind at ease now. Would you help me in this regard? Senator DeCamp you said that some years ago you were younger, which I would have to agree with. Now that you are older Senator DeCamp, can you guarantee me that next year the legislature is going to appropriate money from the general fund to adequately fund these programs?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Senator Chambers, I can't even guarantee that the sun will come up tomorrow, God handles those things. I just try to deal with legislation.

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