

not on the basis of need, but it is on the basis of application. If you're smart enough to apply, you get the reduction. I'm smart enough to apply so I get ...

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, the question is whether this bill is going to be laid over and that is the only question.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, I would hope that the members of the body would not support this motion. It is unnecessary. This is going to be an eight page amendment no matter when you do it and no matter how you explain it and whether you print it in the Journal or not. Now I've got assurances from the bill drafter and I have every assurance that he is correct and I would hope that my explanation of what exactly the provisions of the general Homestead are might have helped people understand why it takes eight pages to do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Did I miss any other lights here that went back on before I ask Senator Murphy to close for the second time? Would you please do that, Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: I have nothing further to say on the issue. I personally do not understand how we can reduce 100% to 50% and say we have eliminated it. Now I would like to look at that tonight and hopefully vote a little more intelligently in the morning.

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

CLERK: 14 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Now Senator Schmit, on the amendments themselves. The bill shall not be laid over. Senator Schmit says nay. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I have a question of Senator Labeledz, please, if she will yield. Senator Labeledz, I was not here in the last week when this bill was heard. As you are familiar with, I am a member of the subcommittee and one of the cosponsors of LB 640. Now you made some comments on the floor today that if we adopted the DeCamp amendment that you are opposed to, that we could do it better with 640 and you suggested that instead we take a look at 640 when it comes to the floor. My question is this Senator Labeledz. Had a motion been made last week to bracket LB 407 until 640 came to the floor for the purpose of discussing both at the same time since they deal with similar aspects?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, there was.

SENATOR SIMON: A motion was made?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR SIMON: I take it then that that motion was defeated?

SENATOR LABEDZ: That is right.

SENATOR SIMON: And you opposed that?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes. Do you want to know the reason why I did.

SENATOR SIMON: Well, I think that I can guess, but go ahead.