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whether they are applicable to my bill, 990, or Senator DeCamp's bill, Senator Wesely and Senator Fowler's bill, LB 954, which make the bill constitutional. Now there are those who would like to think that perhaps nothing is going to happen on this energy situation and one of these days like manna from heaven the answer will fall into our lap and we won't have to worry about it anymore, the price of petroleum will come back down to twenty-five cents a gallon, heating oil will be down, natural gas will be cheap and abundant, we won't have to cut firewood anymore or mine any more coal and it is all going to be resolved. The plain simple truth is the fact that the sooner we recognize the necessity and the importance of trying to be more energy conscious, we are going to have taken the major step toward attempting to resolve the energy crisis. I don't like to tell you I told you so twice in the same day but a good many years ago I warned you fair and square that the time was going to come when we ran out of fossil fuel, notwithstanding the fact that at that time the petroleum companies said we had billions of barrels in reserve, there had never been any problem, Schmit is full of baloney, don't pay any attention to him. Today we have seen the result of our folly. There are a lot of other things I don't like about LB 954, a lot of issues I think we probably could address in a different manner, but with a very few days remaining left in this legislative session, with all of us anxious to go back home, with the press also tired and ready to do something else for a change, I think it is time that...that is evident by the kind of stories they are writing...I think it is time that we deal with this issue as quickly as we can so we get to some of those other issues which all of you want to discuss very thoroughly in the time we have left. I move adoption of the amendment and hope that you act rapidly upon the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there anybody that wants to talk on the Schmit amendment? If not, if not, the question before the House is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Newell.