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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, my first reaction is to oppose the bill but Johnny talked to me sweetly as he often does convincing me that it is easier to go along with certain portions of this bill - which I find to be less than beneficial and those are the portions dealing with the tax, the sales tax, credit or rebate as it is proposed. Now quite frankly this rebate is so minimal that it won't do anything, so much window dressing and, consequently, a very conscientious legislator would oppose it but because I am an easy touch for Johnny DeCamp and others who think this is a tremendous bill and since other parts of the bill are not exactly the most evil things that could happen I have been willing to offer this amendment which is a sunset amendment on that repugnant portion of the bill that provides a sales tax credit, or not a credit, but a sales tax refund for certain energy sources. Now this would basically limit this whole scheme of rebates to three years. Now three years is too long for something that won't do anything, that is not very good, and so forth, but at the same time, it does satisfy some of the concerns that others have that it has to be in the bill because that was part of the deal and others concerns like myself that it really ought not be part of the deal, and so I offer this three year sunset provision. With this provision I can vote for the bill. Without the provision I will have to do what probably is the more right thing and that is to try to take this section out and failing that to vote against the bill. With that, I urge you to adopt the sunset provision for the sales tax rebate and I apologize for having it last for a full three years.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Newell amendment to the DeCamp amendment as explained vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next one by Senator Kelly. Senator, I think the first one you gave me was Strike Section 51 and I believe we have done that, okay? The utility agent,