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with this particular option and we did take out the 45% and beyond that we are setting some higher standards. It is going to set up the possibility for a court test so we can as Senator Koch and others have suggested at some point in the future be able to determine what our educational needs should be. The committee amendments I think are thorough. We spent quite some time on it and I move for their adoption and the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as explained by Senator Reutzel. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is the adoption of the committee amendment. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. Is there anything else?

CLERK: Well I have other amendments on the bill, yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we will have to suspend the rules. You have got less than one minute left.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to suspend Rule 6, Section 3, Rule 7, Section 3, and vote without further debate and further amendment on the advancement of LB 964.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this I think really is a very important issue and I would hope you would suspend the rules and do this. Now so you know exactly what I am attempting to do, it really amounts to about three things. Number 1, I am trying to box us in, and that sounds silly but it is the truth. We come from such diverse interests, from such diverse areas, politics, all the various things have prevented us from really addressing the tax system and particularly the property tax problem. What this effectively would do, it would set a barricade up there and say, hey, look, fellows, you are locked in now. You have got to address the property tax system. The Constitution says so. When you go home and you say, well we raised your sales and income tax to decrease your property tax or whatever, you can say, we have been ordered by the people, if the people approve it. For the first time you have some guidelines on just how far we have to