

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, it is going to be very difficult, there's a lot of conversation, not too many people on the floor, nobody listening to...I'm afraid, not too many people listening, but I have some comments here that I'd like to have everybody hear.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Could we please have it quiet and please pay attention to what is going on. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: First of all, and I'm going to have a few harsh words for one of my colleagues here, Senator DeCamp. I want to tell you exactly what I think is going on here and I resent the fact that he is playing around with my bill. You know this bill seemed to be gathering some strength and so this is what I think happened. Senator DeCamp has over the years introduced property tax relief bills. He has been interested in that area, but it's been very difficult to get anything to come out of it. So he sees a bill here that possibly would be viable so he puts his name on my bill. Then he comes in and puts on amendments which changes it into a homestead exemption bill, a different bill, absolutely different bill. Now if you don't want to vote for the bill I can understand that. Don't vote for the bill, but don't make it into a homestead exemption bill, a bill that I have to introduce a kill motion on because I think that we've got three proposals before this Legislature at this time. We have LB 712 by Senator Vard Johnson. We have LB 505 that was just advanced from the Revenue Committee which is a state aid to schools bill by Senator Remmers, and we have this bill. So let's keep them separate. Let's not make them all into one bill. Now the other day there was a motion on LB 712 which would have in effect turned it into a state aid bill. I stood up here on the floor and said let's not do that. Let's keep these issues separate and clear and then just pick out the bill that you want to support. If my bill, if LB 38 does not make it I can understand that, but don't muddle the water by turning this into a homestead exemption bill. Okay, one more point. Senator DeCamp has been in this Legislature many, many years and we have passed state aid to school bills many times. Now what is the cap on a state aid to school bill? What is the cap as far as the individual taxpayer on a state aid to school bill? Now if, as the Education Committee, community says, state aid to education passes through the school and is reflected in property tax