

a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, to return the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is returned. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I know that we are very weary with 662. I don't want to take a lot of time. I will take a few minutes on this amendment. We have explained it pretty carefully. I want again to recognize the leadership that Senator Schmit has certainly afforded this body on property tax relief and also in financing of education and but for, but for his breakthrough measure on Select File we wouldn't be discussing this issue the way we are today. And it is important that we have that kind of breakthrough legislation but it is also important that a few...that we sit here and we work it out and we work it out in a way which we know is responsible, which doesn't mortgage the future, which provides sound intent language for us, which makes certain that we really will accomplish an objective and which provides for the better financing of public schools. And with that, I would offer the amendment as described to you to LB 662.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am going to vote for this amendment and I want to get in the record exactly why because I rather suspect this bill is going to pass and when it does and if it is signed, despite the fact I will probably still vote against it, with this amendment and with this provision I believe the perfect case is going to be laid to undo the whole financing system of education as it exists now and that is what I will intend to do almost immediately. And let me explain that so it is a matter of legislative debate. Once this Legislature for the first time ever, which is about to happen, officially states in law, which it has never done before, that it has the financing responsibility for education, then, then I believe we have crossed from the present system to a completely new system and we have also created an equal protection case for individual homeowners and landowners and property owners in the state and that is exactly what we are doing. This amendment is, in my opinion, far more significant than the