

talking to legislators and in no way does this body want to take any action which will impinge general fund balances to increase the tax rates. We don't want to do it and for that reason we are sort of prepared to go along with the method of financing contained in 713, but we also don't like that. So I simply said, well the way to temporize it is to take the \$8.5 million out of that \$30 million cash reserve fund we've got sitting there just like we did a couple of days ago with the \$5 million coming out of the cash reserve fund. So I'm having an amendment drafted to do exactly that. That money will come out. It will be on loan again I assume, I've got to see how Deb has got it drafted, but it will come out. It can be used to fund the \$8.5 million settlement with the Commonwealth depositors. The tax rates won't be increased. We will ultimately have to pay the money back next year just like we have to pay the \$5 million back next year, but at least we'll avoid the tax rate increase now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It takes 25 votes. We're on Select. Let's vote and get going, please. We're voting on the DeCamp amendment to the DeCamp amendment. Three are excused. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 23 nays on the amendment to the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment to the amendment fails. We're back to the DeCamp amendment. Would you please turn out your lights and turn them back on if you would like to speak so that we can kind of keep track here. Thanks. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I'm not supporting giving away the State Office Building, creating a hokey system. I'm simply not going to do it. If we're going to pay it, we're going to pay it. I tried to do that. Apparently you do not want to do that. I'm going to ask to withdraw my entire amendment and, as I say, I'm not supporting paying \$20 million and calling it \$8.5 million. That is an absolute falsehood because it's going to cost the state \$20 million if you give away the office building and then buy it back through a hokey financing scheme and the Commonwealth people aren't getting the \$20 million. And so I'll withdraw the balance of my amendment and watch the