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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, Senator Nichol, Senator Koch, Senator Chambers, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Newell...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp came up because he was asked a question.

SENATOR SIMON: So Senator Newell was next and he's going to yield his time to me. Do I have the floor, Mr. President?

SENATOR NICHOL: If anybody doesn't want to talk, I'll take it.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, we're going to do this this time, but I'm not going to shuffle cards any more. Senator Newell, do you want to yield your time to Senator Simon? Okay, Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, and the reason I did that was as a matter of senatorial courtesy since Senator Newell's bill is being discussed. I felt he should have first crack...

SPEAKER MARVEL: I know, but you can organize it better than you did.

SENATOR SIMON: I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment. I think Senator DeCamp certainly has the reputation of being the master of the art of compromise, but Senator DeCamp, I think in this case you've really prostituted the bill terribly. The whole benefit of district elections is to be able to elect people who represent that particular section of the community to be able to elect people who, based on their ability to get their message across to the people and express those views, and not one of buying an election using large amounts of money, not one of conducting a media blitz using the radio, T.V. and newspapers to get their name across to the people...not one of name recognition only whereby if there were other methods, maybe the fact that you are a relative of somebody who's been in office before, or some other type of thing where you have a common name...get your name across to the people of that particular location. All that Senator DeCamp has done by offering this amendment is eliminate those objections in the primary. If those same