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that that amendment will be put on. It is being prepared. The Tax Commissioner has agreed to it, and I say, the previous cost had something like this, the computer used \$50,000 a shot to run it under some complicated process and you had to do it four times a year during the busiest season. We eliminate all that with the new occupation tax system, and as I say it will be a fraction of the cost. So, I urge you to advance the bill, not kill it, while agreeing with everything Senator Dworak said.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, after that I was going to rise to support Senator Dworak and move to kill 120A, but with Senator DeCamp it's very hard to tell exactly what LB 120 is. It's entering, I guess, its sixth draft on Select File, and just when we get him convinced on one argument and he agrees to amend the bill, he brings in something else and we have to come up with some new arguments to prove him wrong and he agrees with that, but says, oh no, I've got another amendment, and then we prove to him that that doesn't work, and he says, well I've got a new one. Now if Senator DeCamp would just realize that every time we've brought up objections to 120, he's agreed with us, and that whatever he brings in the next time I'm sure is going to have serious flaws, I would think he would just get tired of having to admit he was wrong, get tired of bringing in amendments to change his bill. Probably when it's on Final Reading Senator DeCamp will stand up as he's done before and say, oh, by the way here's just a small amendment to make it workable...we'll have to bring it back to Select File, and so on. I think this litter tax, it's been around several years, it's now on Select File and it still doesn't work. I think we could all do us a favor and God knows we could do Senator DeCamp a favor by killing the A bill now, when it gets to Select File we can kill the bill and let a lot of lobbyists go home. They can stop worrying about this. They can stop redrafting and re-redrafting and trying to make something work that simply can't. If after five years, if after innumerable drafts on previous bills, if after five or six drafts on LB 120, all that collective talent still can't make the idea work, then maybe it's time to admit, Senator DeCamp, that this just isn't a practical idea. Let us kill it. You could relax. You could work on other issues. I know you have several on your desk there you'd like to work on, and this one just really...we've given you several chances but let's just kill it and save us all a lot of time.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.