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SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to make your remarks? Otherwise I will proceed.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return the bill for the purpose of striking the amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, precisely as I promised earlier, if indeed the package worked up by the Appropriations Committee were adopted and intact and no other changes were made and with the understanding that 138 is coming up and of course I can only hope that the Legislature will also resolve that issue along the lines that Senator Carsten is going to propose. Then the Legislature can live within their budget. We have addressed the state needs. We have addressed the particular county needs, maybe not as extensively as some would like, but under those understandings I have offered to remove the \$10,000,000. Now I told you earlier that it takes a specific act to remove it. Contrary to what you may have read in the paper or believed, that \$10,000,000 is in there. It is in there and it takes a specific act to remove so I move to remove it in light of what has occurred here this morning and what I contemplate Senator Carsten will accomplish on his proposal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, a question of the state aid specialist, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sure, why not.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator DeCamp, what is your rationale for removing this amendment after you worked so hard to get it adopted?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. My rationale is the amendment only goes a fraction of the distance I would like to go in addressing property tax relief as it relates to financing of education. The Legislature this year, by adopting the proposals of the Appropriations Committee and Senator Carsten's can live within their 7% and over the interim as I suggested, we can address the fundamental part of education financing which is equalization so that then any property tax relief program is indeed a fair and equitable program. With that understanding and with an absolute commitment on my part over this summer and I think Senator Warner has also made