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LB 995, 999

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BURROWS: I would like to withdraw that amendment. I ask unanimous consent.

CLERK: Mr. President, okay, I have nothing further on that bill, so...

SPEAKER MARVEL: The next one is what, 998?

CLERK: Yes, sir, 998. Mr. President, Senator Walter George... is he here? Hasn't checked in.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have an amendment to LB 998 by Senator George. He is not here temporarily. Does anybody feel qualified to take the amendment?

CLERK: Well, Mr. President...go to LB 999. I have two... three, I should say. Senator DeCamp, do you want your five percent one on 999? Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to return LB 999 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment would read as follows: (Read the DeCamp amendment.) The bill drafter's office with the assistance from the fiscal analyst's office shall prepare the changes mandated by this amendment as part of the regular engrossing process.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, when I was a little boy there was this prayer of St. Francis I remember that you hear on the radio every once in a while and it goes something like this: Lord give us the wisdom and blah, blah, blah, blah...basically to know what is possible, to know what is impossible and to be smart enough not to try to do the impossible. I made an awful careful check of what is possible and there is 28 votes against this even on a good day, even if I had Davey Newell's vote. So I am not going to try the amendment on this one or any other one unless I see a change in attitude. That saves Richard time so he isn't upset. It saves the Legislature time on a lost cause, but I really believe...one final comment on the subject. I really believe ere we are all finished here, ere January rolls around, we could be back here trying to figure where to scrounge pennies. The agricultural situation which really is the fire of the economy of this state is sick, sick, sick. They are in trouble and that is going to start showing up July, August, September or October and it is going to hurt, and it is going to be bad and there is not going to