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see the problem that we face this morning. The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland. Senator DeCamp wishes to withdraw the amendment which is his privilege.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think the bill is worse with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What is the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, now we need to vote on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, do you want to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I have moved for the adoption of the committee amendments. There has been no discussion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Sir?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I have moved the committee amendments. There has been no discussion so I have no closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess that, you know, it is pretty easy to say, well, you don't have the votes or you do have the votes and therefore you just let the issue die. I think that it is kind of important that people know what they are voting upon. I think as has happened in the past, we have seen legislation enacted for one reason or another, frequently because someone decides that something becomes a burning issue or a holy cause, therefore it must be enacted upon and usually you will find that that action takes away the rights of the individual, takes away the property rights, takes away the rights of the individual to utilize his equipment, his property in the manner in which he deems most effective and most productive and places that responsibility with some government entity, usually someone who has no investment, perhaps does not have as much experience, certainly has a different point of view than the individual who is being affected. I think that it is most important that we recognize, first of all, as I pointed out earlier, the philosophy behind the increased penalties and I want to point out my concern with the statements of Senator Beutler. On the one hand we speak in glowing terms of local control. We speak in length about how necessary it is that we allow local control, and then almost in the same breath we say,