

eliminate that temptation because there would be an agency within most communities where food would be available. One of the other things that we all talk about and, of course, that is the food stamps that are issued. Many times a family or an individual will come into a community destitute and before they can be issued food stamps they certainly run the risk of getting mighty hungry and perhaps even starving before the food stamps could be issued to them. So this would allow, especially in our larger cities, a food bank to be established which would serve this purpose. Now the food that comes from off the shelf would necessarily be marked and that is what the amendment was about that Senator Schmit just put across, so that the food has to be marked that it cannot be sold to an individual, it has to be given away and this would allow the stores to give it to an agency, the agency to distribute it to the people that need it. It sounds simple. I hope you will support it. I think it is one of the better things we could do for those less fortunate than we are. Another thing before I finish, and that is the fact that it looks like government programs are going to be cut down. We are not going to have all the funding that we have had in the past to supply people with the necessities of life. They are going to be cut down to say the least. How bad, we don't know yet. But I think this would be one way we could provide some semblance of nourishment to those that need it. I hope you will support the bill and I think it is one of the better bills that we have seen in this Legislature. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is an amendment on the Clerk's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend the bill. (Read the DeCamp amendment as found on page 562 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Very briefly, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I agree with every single thing Senator Kahle said. I think this country wastes food about as much or more than any country in the history of mankind and we could be utilizing that food much more effectively and I think as most of you know I have seen starvation just about every place in the world. My amendment, I hope, I think actually helps the bill. All I am doing is striking the word "gross". I am saying basically then that if somebody donates food and they are