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LB 190

SPEAKER MARVEL: Amendment is adopted. Or...amendment lost. Now what is the next...

CLERK: Mr. President, Mr. Haberman moves to amend the bill. Neither one of the two, Senator?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Have him read it..

CLERK: Mr. President the second Haberman amendment is on page two line twenty-one, strike six and insert eight.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Again, Mr. President and members of the Unicameral, I can see or I get the feeling right now that squeaky from Neligh, excuse me, Senator DeCamp has got all of his guns lined up on this and it is going to be fruitless to try to change it. I thought maybe if we tried ten we could compromise on eight so again I will repeat the same argument, all this does is includes some money for inflation, it doesn't hurt the formulas, it doesn't hurt a thing, it just merely goes from 6 7/10 to 8 7/10 and I ask your support. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature, again Squeaky gets up to reluctantly oppose the amendment and my good friend Senator Rex is getting mad at me now and I hate that ever to happen. But I would like to point out something. Because I assume since this is basically the same amendment with a little slight change in numbers as last time, that the same arguments apply that he used on the last one. So I would say the quotations he read from 1979 in which I said we have got two million dollars, something needs to be done immediately and I think my good friend Senator Cullan can verify what I'm going to say next because it was his bill and we were opposing each other on it a good portion of the time. What I was talking about was completely separate from the ton mile, was a completely separate fund in which we had been building up millions of dollars and not getting it used and I wanted to change 42 to make it used quickly. So to use that conversation as applying to ton mile which I put on as an amendment to 42 later on is like apples and oranges. In fact the conversation he quoted I would say was 100 percent right. It did work. We did get that money out of the fund, we did start using it, so it was 100 percent successful. But that particular conversation had nothing to do with ton miles at the time. Again I urge you to reject the amendment only understanding this. We were the ones and Senator Haberman was the biggest helper I had on it enforcing..enforcing the railroads to be in a position where we could get money out of them and start ad-