

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, most of what I would have said I think has been said by Senator Koch. I would just like to add that there are no secrets in business. If you accept bids upon equal quality of work you are going to find that competing companies are going to give pretty close bids. I don't think there is any problem of saving two million or four million or two and a half million. I don't think you are going to do it. I have been involved in that sort of process and I can tell you very frankly that it is like bidding on a bushel of oats, you know. If you buy high quality oats you are going to find that the bids are going to be pretty close. If you want to buy other kind of oats, why the bids will vary some and I am going to tell you what can determine the quality oats. But insofar as the bill is concerned, I think that as Senator Koch has pointed out, if you get a quality product and it will last four, five or six years, you are going to find that the public is not going to be raising a lot of Cain but if you buy a product which does not stand up, which causes problems for law enforcement, which causes problems of identification, you are going to find out that it was very faulty economy. I agree with Senator Koch and Senator Wesely. I support the DeCamp amendment. I would have preferred to kill the bill but in the absence of killing the bill, I support the DeCamp amendment and I believe that the public will back us up on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was rather taken, I won't say amused, but taken by Senator Koch's remarks about the public hearing because you know what? The records says he wasn't there and then also if you look at who appeared, Flex-O people were there. 3M people had the same rights but they weren't there. It doesn't show on the record. Does it show that they testified? Then I take it back. But if you look in your book, were you there, Senator Koch? Question, were you there, Senator Koch? A question of Senator Koch. May I ask him a question please?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you yield?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Were you at the public hearing, Senator Koch?

SENATOR KOCH: I would be very pleased. How much do you want to wager on it? You've got all the money. I'm just a poor boy. I was there. I wasn't there when they acted on the bill and sent it to the floor. You better read it correctly.