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in order to debate the bill with an amendment on the desk?

SENATOR CLARK: It will be when he gets his amendment up. We will take his amendment right now.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hoagland moves to amend the bill. (Read the Hoagland amendment as found on page 1110 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President....

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is very simple. I would urge you all to take a look at this bill. In the initial...the initial section of the bill, on page 4, goes into the existing criminal provisions and weakens them. It goes into the existing criminal provisions for litter and changes them from a Class IV misdemeanor to a Class V misdemeanor. Now I don't really see any need for that. I think if we are sincerely interested in doing something about the litter problem, there is really no need to weaken the little criminal provision we have already got. So unless Senator DeCamp has a good reason for doing that, I would ask that this amendment be adopted.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't personally have any strong objections to this particular amendment. I would point out though to answer Senator Hoagland's implied question that it was the Department of Environmental Control, or whatever it is currently called, that came in and suggested you can make the penalties too harsh and unenforceable and all that. I put the original penalty I think what he is offering in the original bill and I have no objections and I hope we could adopt this amendment and then maybe he could drop the next one that he is attempting.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: The next amendment I have is a lot more important, Mr. President. I would be happy to make the reverse arrangement with Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, would Senator Hoagland