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bottle in the ditch in the first place. We would not have had to impose a tax. We would not have had to confiscate income from people who were unwilling to be confiscated. So let's vote this up or down.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I would first raise a question and I don't like to do it but I think it is proper. Is this considered germane? I mean other than Senator Sam saying, sure it is. You know, what you are talking about is a completely different bill that has never had a hearing, a complete different concept. It doesn't matter to me either way, but then what the heck, I thought I'd raise it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: A cursory look at the amendment would indicate that it is on the borderline and it is barely germane. Now if you want a more thorough search, why we will have....we can have that by tomorrow.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, no. Let him...whatever. Fine, let's fight it out...whatever.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Would you like to talk now?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: DeCamp.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What did you say your name was?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I respectfully oppose the amendment. This noble concept which is the bottle bill was rejected by the people of Nebraska even though people like Senator Schmit and I diligently worked to get it passed four or five years ago. Unfortunately, on a difficult day our good friend, Senator Bereuter, was absent and that bill got killed by one vote and he was one of our sponsors. And since then we have simply been unable to get anything done on the bottle bill. It was put on the ballot, as you know, and the people rejected it. We adopted this alternate concept, the litter bill. Rather than try to put a bottle bill in place at this time, I would suggest that we go along...we're trying to make ours the best litter bill in the United States. California is using this approach. Washington, several other states, are