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question is whether we have to increase, you know, the amount we are taxing railroads, a separate issue, and we can look at that next year. We are doing that this year with one of the taxes, but what this does, it doesn't do anything other than try to equalize things a little bit. So I urge you to advance the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, at this point in time I think I will support the advancement of 486. Let me say that I do not totally agree with Senator DeCamp's explanation of the bill but I had originally agreed not to discuss or debate this strenuously because I was seen as one of the opposing members of this piece of legislation, but as things unveil, I see that there is a lot of agreements that are falling apart, and because of that and my general concern about the falling apart of various agreements, I think that maybe I will have to reserve my comments for this and my judgment for this on Select File, because frankly we may not have the understanding that we thought we would have on a number of different issues. Senator DeCamp is offering amendments to 40, some question about 284 at this point, some other questions have arisen that make me have doubts about the merits of various pieces of legislation. It is an unfortunate thing but it happens when you tie things together as others in this body have done.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support the bill and the amendments. I think it is a direction in the right way. I was a cosponsor of the bill because I figured that we should try and take care of some of the problems that we had after we passed LB 103 and LB 105 several years ago. There are several counties in my legislative district that it doesn't help but there are others that it does and so I think it would be fair and just to go ahead and pass this bill. I think we were snookered into this deal several years ago when we passed LB 103 and 105, and as you study the taxation of the railroads, it is a very complicated process and what this bill does we would just be making it a little more equitable. I urge you to support the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.