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grind to a halt for awhile as it is argued out, and if in fact my area, my people lose dramatically, well, that is the nature of the legislative process. If my area and my people gain dramatically, that again is the nature of the process. But I suspect, I suspect that we are at a point where we really cannot arrive at simple accommodations, that, in fact, we might as well argue it out and see what happens, and if 33 votes never exist for the passage of the measure, I am sure that 25 votes will exist for the passage of some measure and just becomes effective ninety days after adjournment and that is about it. So it is for that reason I think the time is at hand that we go ahead and do the best we can with LB 284, and if it has got the life that it needs to advance, that is fine. If it doesn't make it, that is unfortunate. I think we need to reckon with the \$70 million and we need to use our best judgments. We need not to be parochial. We need to be good statesmen and solid legislators but I think we should do it now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have not been in on any meetings but after hearing the discussion this morning I have to say that I am glad there were some meetings. I am glad that there is some leadership that gets together and tries to iron out some of these problems before you bring it before 49 individual Senators. Somebody has to take their bit in their teeth and try to work out some solutions. You bring an issue of this \$70 million before these 49 Senators without some work being done ahead of time and those cities and those counties and those schools will never see any money. Now if some of you have your nose out of joint because Johnny DeCamp supposedly does the maneuvering and sets all this up, what other Senator is down here on Saturdays and Sundays and puts the time in and works on these bills other than Johnny DeCamp. Now you may not like him personally and you may be jealous of him because his name is on all those bills, but he gets something done and I don't agree with him all the time and I fight him when I think he ought to be fought but in this issue we have got to do something. And Senator Cal Carsten gets up in all honesty as Chairman of the Revenue Committee and he tries to help settle the issue, and what do you do? You jump on him. An issue like this has got to be worked out before it comes to the floor. You will never work it out on the floor. So, sure, let them get together and I don't care who gets together but bring something on this floor that the factions can agree to because we will never do it otherwise. On 882 last year and on the school aid bill last year, we didn't fight it out on the floor. It was agreed to ahead of time so where was all the screaming and the hollering