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SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to...Senator DeCamp and Koch move to amend the bill. The amendments... well, the amendments...Mr. President, the DeCamp amendment would read as follows: (Read the DeCamp amendment as found on page 1354 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you want to explain your amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, many people in this body have suggested they were not going along with the indefinite extension of the Omaha sales tax. I, therefore, prepared an amendment originally in response to that that suggested December 31, 1983, be the deadline. Basically, you are talking about what, another two and a half years from now. In discussions with some Revenue people and others, they indicated that any new revenue-sharing plans that would be developed in 1983 and so on and so forth would create problems unless we had some coinciding of dates. So July 1 is the date the state operates on. So I moved it another six months to July 1, 1984. Whether that is reasonable or unreasonable, I certainly don't know but it kind of half-way makes sense to me the way everybody explained it. And Omaha was squabbling among themselves on it here just a little while ago as to whether it was going to be indefinite or whether we were going to have a sunset in there. I suggested to them as gently as I could that there were a number of people in the body, including people sitting less than a foot away from me to my right, for example, who might support the proposal if it had a sunset but would definitely not support it without a sunset. So I am putting the sunset in. I am suggesting that at least at this time it makes some sense and urging you to accept the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the discussion is on the DeCamp amendment as explained by Senator DeCamp. Now who wishes to...Senator Goodrich, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, what I will do just for the sake of the people that are asking questions back here, is I will explain what is going on here. The DeCamp amendment, as I understand it, and, John, you can correct me if I am wrong, it just extends the authority until July 1, 1984. Correct? That is all in the world it does.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is absolutely correct, and I might