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LB 35

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators DeCamp and Wesely move to return LB 35 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is found on page 1597 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to discuss the bill first? The motion is to return, okay.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, let me give you a brief history of the bill. I was one of those that voted and gave it the critical vote to get it out of committee and I voted with it on the floor. If you will read the particular amendment, it addresses one of the major concerns that was had in the Public Works Committee. The Public Works Committee first sent the bill out...this was the vehicle inspection repeal, with a specific amendment that did set up what the committee unanimously felt at one time was a better inspection system that dealt with, for example, used cars, so on and so forth. Because we felt that that amendment needed additional work, we brought the bill back into the committee. We then tried working on that and came up with another amendment, a slimmed down one. And then the mood was to have an interim study and come up with some system that would make auto inspection work better. When we were not able to get things done and we were running out of time, five members agreed to at least put the bill on the floor for discussion this year, kind of, I think, on the theory that we would look at it a little bit before we absolutely repealed the program. With that understanding and that background, let me tell you what the amendment does. It does not change the bill in the program. It absolutely repeals the program, vehicle inspection, but it does it on July 1, 1982 instead of January 1, 1982. And so your immediate reaction is, yes, what, you know, if we are going to repeal it, we are going to repeal it, what's six months? The amendment has a second portion. It says, we will have an interim study and the Governor is going to provide information and at least we will have a chance in January if there is some determination that you want to maintain any form of program, or do anything, you would have a chance to give a second look and maybe come up with an alternate program. Otherwise, you would have to pass a special bill. Otherwise, July 1, 1982, just as Senator Vickers wants, vehicle inspection is repealed. If you will read the amendment, as I say, and it is in the Journal. It is very simple. It just says, July 1, 1982 rather than January, and it says, the Legislature shall appoint a committee to fully examine the present motor vehicle safety inspection program and determine its effectiveness, administration costs and