

want to say that talk about a tax cut for schools, it is only a tax cut to individual schools and not those that do not get the grants. I did not mean to be critical of bureaucracy as such, of the individuals in the bureaucracy, except any time that a program like this is set up we do have a blizzard of paperwork. Yes, I have applied for many school grants but I have always found that it is a matter of writing a program, getting my board approval, going up to the agency, trying to get approval, revising it to suit their needs. Rather than doing the job finally like my own school board would like to do it, we would have to follow certain guidelines that did not necessarily make sense in our situation. We are rewarding a few and the rest of them are not going to get that kind of savings. Again, this matter of the investment policies that Senator DeCamp is mentioning, that is a legislative problem. Sure, policies that were adopted thirty years ago in investment world don't sound very sound today. We can invest some money in much more revenue producing funds than what they did in the bonds that were bought at that time but that was the Legislature's problem. That should not condemn the state permanent school fund. I still think the idea, the philosophy of the permanent school fund is sound but I am willing to concede this much of it, that we use it for the five years that is in this program for state aid to schools so that those schools themselves, that each district can make its own decision on what it wants to do in energy saving devices and the tax credit thing, again, I say it is something that I think that we have to look at very carefully. We keep giving people tax credits. We keep voting increases in the budget. Somebody has to pay that bill.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the Remmers motion to return LB 257. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I remind everyone that we are on Final Reading. Everyone is to be at his or her desk. It doesn't help to have a Call of the House because we are all supposed to be here. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 257 is returned. Senator Remmers, do you wish to move to adopt your proposed amendment.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that we adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the Remmers amendment. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.