

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I am not a fool and I recognize the handwriting on the wall. It is not accidental that the votes are lined up to go back. I will say this. I would be happy to take off the tax credit which seems to be the problem, the solar tax credit, but for you to utilize this bill as strictly 100% a state aid bill which is what it now is if you adopt the amendment, I think is not quite right and why? Because you are repudiating anything on energy, repudiating doing anything on energy this year and there will be a day when energy will raise its head and lop yours off unless you begin addressing it because it is a crisis state even though you do not have people clamoring in the streets yet. The dollars invested we are proposing in strictly energy things, we have the engineering all done. That was done under federal grants and they have got it done but they don't have the money to do the work. Then the money lost, going out the windows, is going to be tremendous and you could do something about it. You could be doing something about it by taking dollars that you are going to put into state aid to buy fuel and be buying the things to save the fuel. As I say, I see the handwriting on the wall but I will tell you one final thing. Senator Remmers and all you people concerned about state aid, I am going to tell you one of these days what has happened to your teachers' retirement funds and your other funds in terms of dollars and what you have got because one of these days you are going to wake up and find out you ain't got what you think you got. It dropped 35 million dollars. You know, we scream and holler here over 20 and 30 and 40 thousand dollars. Well you have blown about 40 million in eighteen months. You have blown 35 million in one fund but you don't even know about it. Adopt the amendment. I can see that is going to happen but then I think we should kill the bill. If you want a state aid program, we put 20 million in yesterday, another 5 million here. You know, how far are you going to go? If the amendment is not adopted, I think we would be happy to pull out the tax credit which seems to be the thing you are concerned about but at least keep some money going into saving some money on energy.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to adopt the amendment and the Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell passes. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is clear that I might have spoken too hastily when I was interviewed a few days ago by a newspaper about what we were