

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. It is interesting to note that all who have spoken today spoke against the amendment and all spoke against the amendment because they are against lids even though the amendment makes the lid more reasonable. What is happening is very apparent. Those who want no lid at all are afraid of an effective rational lid that makes some sense and so they all say, horrible, horrible, let's keep this 7% lid around because sure enough, eventually, people will see that 7% doesn't make sense. How about that? It doesn't make sense. We all know it doesn't make sense so all our alternatives are two, do away with the lid completely or change it into something that makes sense. I think maybe this amendment, people are not ready for this amendment because we all have our hopes that things are going to go more our way but they are not. The people feel strongly about this and I don't blame them and if you do away with this lid and if you continue to put more exemptions in it and if you continue to make it sillier, you are not going to fool Ed Jaksha and you are not going to fool some other serious people who think that the lid can be made rational and can be made an appropriate tool of American government. You are not going to fool them and they will be back at you with another petition and they will get her done. So I am asking you to make sense today, to avoid something harsher tomorrow and to avoid the stupidity of the present lid which we are all living under. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. While we are waiting for the vote I might tell you that the Speaker said we have to get everything off of Select File today. You can judge yourself accordingly. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 5 ayes, 26 nays on the Beutler-DeCamp amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion failed. Do you have another amendment?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Newell and that is found on page 2050 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a proposal that Senator Burrows and I offered last time. I am offering it this time since Senator Burrows and I have not had a chance to talk about it. It basically moves the lid from 7% to allow local boards to go to 9% if they have