

much better than the atrocity that the original bill was, you again have put me in a bind. You know that on principle I will vote against the amendment but you know that I will counsel these other people to vote for it because this amendment is better. Do you all know what that law would have done? It would have put these people in jail who were stealing and I am surprised that Senator Cope will vote for the committee amendment. If you want to stop shoplifting, if you want to be hard on the thieves, if you want to do something to those who are robbing you of billions that you have to pay for, reject these committee amendments and you can stick it to them. I hate the original bill more than I do the amendment. You are compromising your principles if you vote for this amendment. You're not toughening anything for shoplifters. You're not even touching the penalty portion. People can still steal as they have always done. It doesn't require the merchants to testify. It doesn't change anything. All it does is takes an atrocious piece of legislation that has a number and somebody's name on it, guts it and puts something in it that the Legislature, beguiled by Senator DeCamp, the Pied Piper of the Legislature, he will get you to accept it and you will go for it and you haven't done anything. So go on and accept the amendment. I give you my permission and my blessings. Senator DeCamp, I'll leave you alone on the amendment but when it becomes a bill I might have a thing or two else to say.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think Senator Chambers is one of the most valuable members of this Legislature. I have repeatedly stated that because he makes us all think and if we are going to move too fast he brings us words of warning and I thought he has brought us some good words of warning but I think we've got answers to most of his questions. Now, I am going to prove in the next thirty seconds that Senator Chambers is the only member of the Legislature in the twelve years I have been here now to ever use photographic evidence exclusively, exclusively in the Legislature to get around even legislative rules. I have on my desk handed out, a paper on LB 413 and I assume everybody else does. Look around on your desk. There is no identification and marking as legislative things require, initials on it or anything else as to who passed it out, where it came from, anything. But I know where it came from and so does everybody else because for the first time, the first time ever in the history of the Legislature, this is good, isn't it, Ernie? For the first time ever, there is photographic evidence as to who passed out this particular item and the photographic evidence because we