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this morning and would urge your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, like him or not, you have got to admit that sometimes Senator DeCamp can read something and look down the road and see something that a Senator like myself cannot see. And I have been here three years and I have heard him stand up on the floor and do these same things and warn us and tell us and you know what, he has been right. But let's say that he is wrong. We have lost nothing. Let's say we reject the amendment, we have lost nothing. We can still do this in 816 or 816A. It doesn't have to be done today. So I say whether you like Senator DeCamp or don't like Senator DeCamp, respect what he is trying to tell us this morning and listen to what he is saying. It isn't going to hurt anything to wait for 816, and I as I mentioned before when my daddy used to tell me when they push you up against the wall, if it can't wait a day or two and now it is hours or two, then watch out. So I would like to suggest that at this time we follow Senator DeCamp's lead and vote no and work it out on down the line. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, after Senator DeCamp's speech and the rural-urban question I just about find myself talked into supporting this amendment seeing how he has identified the tie-in of changing the distribution in 816 to the whole question of passage and I think it is important to realize that at this time it is not just important how the money is distributed but when it is distributed. I guess though I think as much as I would like to see 816 passed in its current form, it is not exactly fair to deal with the issues in 816 in the bill 933. I think that is poor precedent for this Legislature and I think that although again I understand why Senator Koch is pushing these amendments, I think that Senator Haberman has a point that if the question is 816, I think we all ought to deal with it. I can understand the anger and indignation that Senator DeCamp feels because if I had an issue that was as important to me as this is to him, I would not like to see it slipped into another bill. So I think that Senator DeCamp offers and Senator Haberman offer a reasonable alternative and that is certainly that 816 issue should stay with 816. I would say again that there are other remedies being proposed for cash flow problems

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