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they will be able to naturally through the marketplace lower their cost and you won't have to have the subsidy question that we are talking about here, but we need to break the Catch 22 cycle we now have where the price is high because people are not buying and people won't buy because the price is high. You have got to be able to bring the price down through these credits to then start having people buy those units which will then naturally through the marketplace lower the cost and you won't need tax credits. We think it will work. We have seen it work in other states. We ask for your support. We ask you to oppose the kill motion from Senator Remmers.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wagner isn't here today. You can thank Senator Lowell Johnson for the popcorn. Senator DeCamp, then Senator Clark.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, just real briefly. I never claimed that the two amendments are not major. I think they are major. I think development of geothermal is a major, major, major thing for the state. Now that is involved. This is the second half of putting the geothermal thing together and I have acknowledged that. The original bill had primarily technical things. I repeat, 738 had the geothermal aspect and a number of other things. One of the other major things is the solar thing. The homebuilders, the architects and the solar industry are the ones supporting it. That is a major thing, no question about it. For whatever reasons the Governor and the homebuilders and the architects have all agreed he will sign it. That is all we are attempting of the other major energy bill, 738, the geothermal and the solar aspect. Now, I fully understand Senator Remmers' complete philosophical disagreement. Maybe he is right. Maybe he is wrong. I don't know, but I certainly appreciate he philosophically disagrees. Fine. If you believe...if you believe the homebuilders are right in wanting this, if you believe the architects are right, if you believe that we will maybe get some houses built and some solar developed, then I would encourage you to support it. I would hope you would vote against the kill motion. I might just suggest that of all the things we have done this session this is one of maybe the very, very few that is something other than just finding somebody to tax. This actually says, hey, here is something where we think we can develop some additional construction, develop some industry, get something going, develop our own native resources in the geothermal. That is what this bill says, attempts to do. Will it succeed? Well, I suppose God only knows. We try these things on the theory that it will accomplish something. It certainly has

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