

is no great proposal, no great amount of money. I don't know how we're going to distribute or what cost would be to distribute to the ninety-three counties this amount of money. Now let's just further envision that it goes to court, keeps this distribution formula alive. This distribution formula then next year can be appropriated too. It can be \$10,000, it can be \$15,000, \$20,000. It depends upon whether the court does hear it, if it does hear it. It creates more work for the Attorney General but worst of all, worst of all, it creates a situation that truly ties the Legislature's hands because we now have, if it works as Senator DeCamp says it might, we now have the situation where we go through, we litigate it. If the courts decide that it is, in fact, unconstitutional and I believe they would, then the Legislature has tied its hands far more than we have with just a district court decision. It means we cannot do anything in the future on any other kind of formula because we clearly have the kind of limitations that Senator DeCamp and the rest of us would really rather not have and I think at this time for the aggravation, for the principle, for all the things that Senator DeCamp argues for, it is not the right thing to do. I think it will create more problems, create more cost, create more confusion than it is worth. For that reason I urge this body to oppose the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler. It would really help if you turn your lights on if you would stay in your seats.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, a question for Senator DeCamp, if I may.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, will you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, there is a second section to that amendment which has to do with striking some sections and changing some dates and this is a section separate and apart from what you have discussed on the floor so far, or at least it appears to be. Can you tell us what that does?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Beutler, I just called the bill drafter. They are on their way up. The amendment has as its sole goal to have the formula exist, be tested in the courts. They are going to be up in about one minute and they will answer that question. I think that is to make the dates coincide but I'm not absolutely certain and rather than answer I'd get the person that drafted it up here right away.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think we should understand what the amendment does before