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LB 412

It might not have passed but doggone it I would like to have seen some debate here upon the floor. I think it really raises to me an issue that we talk about doing away with Final Reading, had this bill, say like quietly, nobody had hollered about it or anything like this, essentially that bill could have been passed without any debate or anything like this from General File right on across to Final Reading and because of these conditions I very much oppose it and I would urge you to vote against the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is kind of important. I don't care about that particular issue as much as I do about something else that is in the bill, and what else is in the bill is the opportunity to complete the court test and maintain in existence the whole valuation personal property tax formula. So, Senator Wagner, I know you are very concerned about this issue and your district is probably as battered by this issue or 816 as anything. I would submit to you that it would be better by far to not so to speak kill the baby just because it got a sore thumb. Fortunately LB 412 with its sore thumb that you mentioned can be easily corrected before it does any damage if you view it as damage. That correction can be accomplished in January, reason being the part that they are concerned about does not become effective as I understand it from reading it until 1984. So you have the entire next legislative session to correct that. I don't want to make any comments one way or the other as to Senator Newell's particular proposal or the propriety or correctness of how it was inserted in that bill. That is between Senator Newell and Senator Labeledz and Senator Wagner. I do know Senator Labeledz and Senator Wagner are more than a trifle upset, more than a big trifle. However, I repeat, there is an incredibly important thing in that bill if you are going to pass 816. It is important for the Legislature as a whole. It is important particularly for everybody who is affected by 816 one way or the other, and only if you keep 412 alive and pass it do you get that chance. I repeat again, the problem and issue that Senator Newell, Senator Labeledz and Senator Wagner are in disagreement on does not go into effect, does not have an effect until 1984. You have the entire next session to make whatever corrections you want. I would beg and plead you that you not kill the bill, not because I have an overwhelming love for Senator Newell but because I do have an overwhelming concern that what is in that bill needs to be

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