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CLERK: 19 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion failed. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp would move to amend by repealing the effective date of 1 March 1981. Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I offer this only if there is no objection from the chairman of the committee. I think it is a solution to the problem that Senator Schmit has raised. I happen to believe 100 percent that Senator Schmit is going to be right, but I do not want to play craps with 1.6 million as Senator Higgins says, so I am saying, okay, we humor them until March 1st and then we automatically repeal that particular section. Then we are in compliance now and come January 1 suspect this whole thing will have shaken out, or by February. If we need to do something further, we can. If Schmit's right, it is automatically repealed as of March 1st, just that section. I think it is a reasonable solution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I accede to Senator DeCamp's suggestion in this area. I think it is a good approach. I would remind the body that in order to succeed and not be penalized in this area, this bill needs to be effective, passed with the emergency clause and be effective. I think that this approach is a good one. If we need to deal with the subject again in the next session of the Legislature, we can do that. Just to remind or point out to the Legislature some additional information we have obtained, the California Legislature met in special session, did not consider one of these proposals. It is my understanding that the federal government has decided to take some sort of sanctions against them. So I don't think if we are playing craps as Senator Higgins and Schmit have suggested, we are playing with loaded dice and they are loaded in favor of the federal government. So I think that this approach is a good one and hopefully Senator DeCamp has effectively conveyed his message, or excuse me, Senator Schmit and DeCamp have effectively conveyed their message to the Judiciary, to the Clerks of the District Court of the State of Nebraska and to the County Attorneys of the State of Nebraska, that they want the law enforced, and I agree with that and I hope