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LB 985, 466

opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I move the bill be returned, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is returned. LB 466.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Vard Johnson would move to return 466 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is not an easy motion that I make because I have voted for LB 466 up until this time because I believe in the worthiness of the project that LB 466 funds. But I find myself compelled to make the motion because I also believe in certain things with respect to our income taxes. Let me tell you again what LB 466 does. It would establish for the first time in our state, if it was to pass, an income tax checkoff system wherein a taxpayer could check on his tax return that he wanted one dollar of his tax refund or three dollars of his tax refund or five dollars of his tax refund or ten dollars of his tax refund to be earmarked for the endangered species game fund. And then of course our Game and Parks Commission would take the money that taxpayers voluntarily put into their fund from their tax refunds and would use that for conservation and for protection of wildlife and endangered species. The program itself is an exceedingly worthwhile program. In fact, it is already on our statute books and in fact we already appropriate general funds for the program. This system would provide additional dollars voluntarily placed in the fund by taxpayers from the refunds. Now the reason I offer the motion to kill the bill is because I think it is a mistake for us to establish an