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LB 994

Hoagland amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise again to object to the amendment that is being proposed before us. And if all of these amendments that are now being proposed are so important and with all of the interim study and the special committees and everything that went into drafting and bringing before us LB 994 are all that important, why weren't they included in the original bill? Now it seems...I even had to cough on that one. Excuse me. It does seem to me again that we are piddling around here wasting valuable time again on a bill that is important. In my opinion, it is as good a bill as is going to come out of here in this area of LB 994 and let's leave it alone. Everybody knew what the situation was as far as lid was concerned, as far as budgets were concerned and what LB 994 could or could not do. And I think to piddle around with more amendments like this is just foolish. I urge you to again vote against this amendment that is again putting another hole in what we thought was a pretty good lid bill that continues even till it is almost ready to expire put another hole in it. And I think that is wrong and I object to it and certainly hope you will turn this one down again. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell and after that Senators Vickers, DeCamp and Kahle.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment. You know, it is important to remember that while it is a very limited exemption from the lid, it amounts to only say 60 percent of the budget. That is not real limited when you are talking about 60 percent of the budget exempted from the lid. Now the issue that I think we ought to discuss, you know, the big argument here was always that what we needed to do was do stipends because we were going to have a lid. We killed the lid. The lid stays into effect for one more year. It is a 7 percent lid. I can appreciate and I think Senator Hoagland is very philosophically committed to his positions, and I believe this is not a frivolous amendment on his part

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