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LB 539
LR 294, 295, 296

District who serves as E & R Chair. (See pages 2632-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolutions. LR 294 by Senator Pappas, LR 295 by Senator Pappas, LR 296 by Senator Pappas. Those resolutions will be laid over and considered tomorrow or Wednesday. (See pages 2631-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, we were on 539 this morning. I don't know where we left off.

CLERK: Mr. President, we left off...an amendment had just been voted on. The next motion I have to the bill is by Senators Beutler, Lamb, Abboud and Hefner. They would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, you are recognized.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think it is finally time that we resolve our internal conflicts of philosophy and go as one along a straight path which is, in fact, the path that I think a strong majority has adopted in here now and that is the path of no tax increase, no tax rate increase this year. The only purpose now to this particular bill is to increase the tax rates. That is the only purpose it could serve. We have gone through Senator Johnson's amendment. He has had his opportunity to suggest to us and argue before us a proposition with regard to the reserve account which has now been rejected. Now the only point to the bill is to increase the tax rate. Now I think that it is time that we put this to bed and let the people of the state know and make it clear in our further...for purposes of our further budget deliberations that what we are aiming and, in fact, what we have obtained is the point of no tax rate increase. And I think that we can finally for this session make that statement dramatically by simply indefinitely postponing this bill at this particular point in time. I would move the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support the kill motion. I don't think this bill really does anything right now. It is just sitting there waiting to cause mischief in the last few days here of the session.