

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature. I still say the committee saw to it to amend the bill and I hope you will vote to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER: All those in favor of the Maresch amendment, vote aye. All those opposed, vote no. Motion before us is to vote on the Maresch committee amendment to L.B. 35. Simple majority is required. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 6 nays, 20 not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: O.K. The amendment is adopted. Do we have other amendments to the bill?

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER: Very good. We're back to Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the bill be indefinitely postponed, I ask for record votes so the people on the local level, in the school districts, in city subdivisions, can understand that this body sets up two classes of public employee.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of Senator Carpenter's motion to indefinitely postpone? Any further discussion? Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I would to oppose Senator Carpenter's motion. I believe that the people, the 49 Senators in this State who are responsible to the sales and income tax, should decide pretty well how it's spent. I believe that our County Commissioners who set the levy for our county, should decide how it is spent and if they wish to give that as a benefit in their contract, that's fine. I believe that the school districts should decide how they spend their money. I'm very much in dis-in-favor of this body of men creating a subdivision of government allowing them to operate and then to remove that power by which they operate. That's all I have.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the motion to indefinitely postpone? Senator Carpenter, do you care to close on your motion? Senator Carpenter's closing on his motion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Irrespective of what Senator Keyes says, the fundamental issue is this: Because people come in here who have the responsibility to some extent of studying the rates for taxation, because they object because of the fact they don't want to pay the protection for the people on the local level like we require ourselves to do on the State level. The sales and income tax has nothing to do with this. I also am going to remember, for example, when the bill comes up on the County salaries. How many of you people then believe in local government and how many of you are going to switch because you don't have the belly to stand the heat that the County Commissioners put on you? They're asking you to do for them what they're not willing to do for themselves and they have the law now to do it. And they're cowards to the point they won't do it, but what they want to say is when you get criticized on a local level, Oh no, it's not our fault, the Legislature made us do it. That's a lousy kind of legislation.

SPEAKER: Motion is to indefinitely postpone L.B. 35. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to indefinitely postpone L.B. 35. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Once again the Chair would ask if you have all voted. Have you all voted? We have a malfunction. Clerk will clear the board. All right