

PRESIDENT: Speaking to indefinitely postpone LB597 and the Chair would next recognize Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman members of the legislature, I am not an expert in this field as are Senator Carpenter and Senator Marvel, however, I did get some information that might be useful. The balance in the state treasury today is 46 million dollars. Twenty million dollars ahead of last year at this time. All of the transfers to the local sub-divisions have been made. Therefore if the trend increases on the collection of taxes through the balance of March and up to the 15th of April, it looks as if our state treasury is going to be busting at the seams and probably the six million dollars left over at the end of the fiscal year will be twelve to fifteen million dollars. Everybody is getting estimates. I would oppose LB597 on this basis that we need not collect taxes ahead of our needs.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer, are you finished. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. PRESIDENT, fellow members of the legislature, I think that what we have here is that we have heard a lot of discussion about fiscal responsibility and whether this body should be responsible for raising taxes. I think that the citizens of this state are interested in us being fiscally responsible and to make sure that we do not raise the taxes beyond our needs. This can best be established after we know what appropriations that we are going to spend this year. Therefore I would definitely be in favor of the indefinite postponement of this bill. I would move the previous question Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We have other speakers that I think that we have already asked to speak. Senator Stahmer, were you up?

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll make this very brief.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: A point of order. Mr. Speaker, I understand that when a previous question has been moved, you must vote on that motion. Am I correct?

PRESIDENT: Well lets see if I see five hands first? There were not five hands that went up. OK, now I see five hands. Alright that is to cease debate. The motion is to cease debate all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 24 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate will continue. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body I want to touch on at least two key issues. Number one there are a lot of good people in this body debating the merits of this bill, and many of these good people are running for good office and that is well and good. I'm one of the few that is not. I would like to apologize again publicly forever allowing Senator Warner to use my LB10 last year. I guess that I am the worst example of a Democrat that can fly and float around this body. Because had I not given him that bill, Governor