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LB 120A

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I recall a year ago with a similar little bill that Senator DeCamp had that did pass and fortunately our Governor at that time vetoed the bill and I hope if this one passes he will veto this one as the present Governor will take a good look at it and veto it as well. But let's save that problem and let's kill this bill now, and as Senator DeCamp said, we need to move the A bill along to give him a chance, and I agree with Senator Fowler, perhaps we should not give him a chance. Last year everywhere you went in the fall you saw these bumper stickers, you saw these posters and these billboards, and on television, all these hundreds of thousands of dollars spent talking about the right problem and the wrong solution, and the people went along with that massive advertising campaign and they rejected the bottle bill. Well maybe they weren't telling us it was the right problem and wrong solution. Maybe they were telling us it's the wrong problem and perhaps they would like government for once, maybe for once they would like government just to leave things alone. I think that's what we ought to do. Now remember last year with a bill similar to Senator DeCamp's LB 120 the Tax Commissioner said it would cost about 71 cents to collect a dollar, and Senator DeCamp says he has some additional way to make this a more cost effective method of raising revenue. Now I really think if he's sincere about a cost effective method of raising revenue, he would amend LB 120 to take it from the general funds because it is the general purpose that would be served by his litter bill if any purpose is to be served by his litter bill. So, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think too that we should reject LB 120A this morning, or this afternoon, and we should continue on Select File this afternoon to destroy LB 120 and finish this session correctly. Sometimes a session is more important for what it does not do than what it does, and if we're going to really accomplish something in this legislative session, then let's really accomplish killing LB 120A, and sometime later 120.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Simon. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate on LB 120A vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Dworak, you may close on your motion.