

apparently isn't. Why don't we just kill it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to kill. Senator Warner, do you wish to be recognized on the kill motion? Okay, the floor is yours. I recognize Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to support. Mostly just to make it plain there are two or three important things that I think we want to keep in mind. This was another bill as it was originally proposed that would have to some extent circumvented the appropriation process in that it was to use cash funds. Now it is true that the money still would have gone through the appropriation, but as drafted, it would have permitted the cash balance to have been as big as three times the amount of funds that were annually raised. In the current year, talking with the department, it will be about a half a million dollars so that means they could have carried a balance of up to a million and a half dollars which made no sense. It was my impression from the conversations I had last year that it was introduced because the agency felt they were not being adequately funded in some respects and they were looking for ways to try and get around that on the assumption that if it was cash funded why they could generate more money than they are able to acquire through the general fund process that is now used. I also was equally concerned that there would be a retaliatory aspect to increasing the tax on the insurance companies. While it is true that like ninety-five percent I think of the companies providing this kind of coverage are foreign corporations, they automatically, if you are familiar with the retaliatory provisions, automatically we incur similar tax on Nebraska companies in other states. More importantly those self-insured subdivisions would have been required to pay a tax increase obviously in their local property tax which would have been undesirable in order to provide the funds which are now general fund money from the state. So I certainly concur with Senator DeCamp's kill motion but I think, as far as I was concerned, I had a kill motion on the bill, would have had one last year, but it had nothing to do with who supported it but whether the aspects of the bill I think were bad public policy.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. There are no other lights on. Do you want to move the adoption of your motion. The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 197. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Okay, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to indefinitely postpone.