

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

SENATOR NEWELL: Record vote.

CLERK: Yes, sir. Read record vote as it appears on pages 1543-44 in the Legislative Journal. 7 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion lost.

CLERK: Senator Dworak now moves to amend the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The Chair now recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues I kind of gave you this speech very earlier this afternoon on LB 691. I'm going to be briefer right now, but essentially I'm trying to do the same thing that I did with my amendment on 691. What this amendment does is strikes the escalating portion of LB 882. It freezes, it freezes the, excuse me, but I am having competition here with Haberman and Goodrich, I can't. . . . it freezes the appropriation just where it is right now and today it is at about 62½ million dollars. We have an amount in the appropriation bill to bring this up to 70 million dollars. That bill has to pass and I think the chances are good that the appropriation bills are going to pass so what it does do it takes it up to 70 million dollars where we committed, where we were told that it would never be higher, where we were promised time and time again, this is the maximum, this is the cap, this was the promise when 518 was delivered, when 518 was debated, when 518 was passed, this is what we were told in this chamber and that is what we went home and told our people. That 70 million dollars is it. That is what we told them when we all voted for 518. Now I'm not begrudging my vote on 518 and I'm not saying that I wish I hadn't done it. I knew exactly the ramifications of that vote when I cast it. But I also knew the promises behind that when I cast that vote. I think if we are going to keep good faith with ourselves, and good faith with the people that we represent we are going to have to be true to that 70 million dollar commitment. That is what this amendment will do. Now, if this amendment is adopted, this would not preclude the Legislature from meeting next year, the following year or any year down the road and coming back and saying we need more money or we need less money. This amendment does not preclude that. But it