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wish to be recognized?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have got a motion to...I have been listening to the discussion and I guess I am convinced based upon a number of remarks that some revision in the severance tax is appropriate and I have written down a request there striking two and going to three and the money would stay in the school fund as it is now placed. I assume that would raise in the vicinity of a million. I would imagine it should have the amendment dealing with strippers that was mentioned earlier but I don't want to get in the position of being opposed, as I voted to reject the amendment, of being catalogued on the side of opposed to adjustment in that tax rate because that I would gather was the gist of most of the argument. There was other aspects of the bill that I did have a lot of concern about so I merely will offer that motion so my position is clear that the one percent additional, from two to three, which I understood was not objected to with the money going to schools seems not inappropriate and I would move that adoption with the understanding that you have a stripper amendment relative to stripper wells which I would support but I do not have.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you wish to discuss the Warner amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, that is exactly what we were talking about, that we are objecting to raising the severance tax. That is the whole issue. The letters I read, these people are objecting to it. So I don't see how you could come up with the solution or the feeling that that isn't the issue but it is on my part. My people are against raising the taxes and I think some of the other people who spoke here are against raising the taxes on this particular industry. So the issue there, this is what we are talking about. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish the floor?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is to cease debate. All of those of you who are interested in ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Do you wish debate to cease? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.