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get it through the voters, you can implement it next year and then you can worry about paying for it later, and that is what has gotten our country and our government into problems time and again. You don't go into debt just because it sounds good and the project is worthwhile. You think carefully about that commitment and you think carefully about how you are going to pay for it. You don't worry about it in the future, you worry about it today when you pass the legislation. I sound as fiscally conservative as can be and I think there is a lot of you that claim to be that way but a lot of you are going to turn right around and vote for this bill. And the key point is this, consider it in the context of other legislation that we have. If anything, I would suggest it go back to the Public Works Committee and consider it along with those other bills that we have in that committee where we worked hard on this issue, and we have tried to do some different things and we have had difficulty. Maybe this is the only thing that will pass in the Legislature, but as I said, the reason it will pass is because it is easy, you don't have to pay for it right now. You don't have to go back to your constituents and say, we are doing a number on water projects and we are going to increase your sales tax a penny. That makes it a lot easier, doesn't it, and that means that this bill is probably going to pass. Because of that, I am going to ask that my motion be withdrawn at this point and just again suggest that the questions I have asked are legitimate and that you ought to be asking them yourselves.

PRESIDENT: Motion to indefinitely postpone has been withdrawn. It is withdrawn. So we are ready then, any other motions, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, we are ready....Senator Koch, do you want to make the motion to advance?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. President, I move to advance LB 577 to E & R Final.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 577 to E & R for Engrossment. Any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. LB 577 is advanced to E & R for Engrossment. LB 208, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to LB 208.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin.