

March 16, 1982

LR 236, 240

CLERK: 30 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, to indefinitely postpone LR 236.

SENATOR CLARK: The resolution is indefinitely postponed. We'll take up the next resolution, LR 240.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 240 was introduced by Senators Haberman, Lamb, Chronister, Clark, Richard Peterson, Fenger, DeCamp, VonMinden, Howard Peterson and Beyer. It is found on page 996 of the Journal. (Read LR 240.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the resolution has two goals as far as I'm concerned, one, to fulfill the requirement that this Legislature pick a target figure that we direct the Appropriations Committee to bring us for a budget. We have already done that once. We picked a target figure of about \$763 million as I recall. Since that time I think the Appropriations Committee has committed itself, even if only informally, to making dramatic alterations in that number. I believe under the rules devised by that committee, supported by this Legislature, we would have to either amend downward dramatically the target figure or they would have to remain with a budget of \$763 million by our rules we've adopted. So purpose number one of the resolution is to set a target figure significantly lower than the \$763 million for the Appropriations Committee to bring us for a budget. And my hope and goal of course is that prevents any tax increase at all. That is the ultimate purpose. The second purpose stated in the resolution in the now therefore, is to say, look, as long as we're all tightening belts we're going to do it uniformly. We aren't going to give a major increase to A or B or C or D without treating the others equally or essentially in the same manner. That is what the resolution does. I would urge you to adopt it or some target figure here in some form or other.

SENATOR CLARK: There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch would move to indefinitely postpone LR 240.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I signed this resolution originally but I got to examining the content a little more closely and also those who believe this is appropriate that I decided to take my name off along with Senator Vickers. After listening to the debate this after-