

noon I thought the kill motion was appropriate because obviously we don't want to get into too deep of discussions where it might test our thought process a little bit so I think it is appropriate since we've had the killer instinct this afternoon we might as well proceed with it. Now I want to see how many red lights there are to kill this bill. The Governor spoke to us last week. He gave us an ultimate goal. The Appropriations Committee has been trying to deal with that goal and try to come up with something close to what the Governor proposed and I think in view of the fact the Appropriations Committee has revised their original appropriations suggestions to us that for us to discuss this resolution at this time is inappropriate and an additional waste of time. So I ask for the indefinite postponement.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, on the postponement.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I respectfully oppose the kill motion. I would suggest to you that this resolution is not like other resolutions and it is not like other resolutions because unlike the happy birthday or happy congratulations to the football team resolution, this does have a legal effect. It has a legal effect because this body chose to do that. They chose to set up a system this year where we pick target figures to designate a number or amount for the Appropriations Committee to bring to us. At the present time to the best of my knowledge that amount is \$763 million. If we are going to change that I believe under the rules, we have to pick some amount. If we're going to change the figure I think the rules specifically talk about using 25 votes to make any amendments or changes. It is my suggestion of course in the resolution that we change that by a substantial amount, whatever it is, 5% of...in other words, go to essentially a zero budget increase over last year. And so I think you have to support some number or some form of resolution or the Appropriations Committee, despite the fact that they may be informally doing this, have no authority to do so. I think the number should be reduced to the zero budget so I oppose the kill motion.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I oppose the kill motion for this reason. It says here that the Legislature indicate that it determine to adopt a zero fund increased budget and that it will attempt to give equal and fair treatment to other segments of the budget so as to not cause increases in the property taxes. I would like to address equal treatment to everyone.