

of its precedence here on the floor, it becomes a major issue around which to maybe work to solve something on property tax, although it appears to me that it is pretty much a stalemated deal with nobody being able to get what they perceive to be adequate property tax program again this year. But rather than simply kill the bill, I would suggest you take this alternative route.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I oppose sending it back to the committee. I think the committee held a public hearing, or I know they held a public hearing. We certainly discussed it at length during our Executive Session and we moved it out to the floor. This bill isn't much different...it isn't in a much different form than what we sent it out. Certainly, we do have a limit and I don't see anything so bad about this limit. So at this time I would just oppose the motion to send it back to committee. I understand that there is a kill motion on the bill. Is that correct? So I think we ought to leave it out here on the floor and vote it up or down. If it has got 25 vote to advance, well, then it should be advanced. If it has got 25 motions to kill it, well, then so be it. But I don't think it should be sent back to the committee. One thing I do know, or I believe I know the thoughts of most of the committee members and that is that we do want to provide some form of property tax relief whether it be 712 or LB 38, and now we have put out another bill, LB 505, and so I think we need to bite the bullet and decide what it should be. And, therefore, I would oppose this motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I also rise to oppose the motion. And Senator DeCamp says this is one option, that is true. But I don't think it is the best option. Of course, the best option would be to advance the bill, but there are other options. Don't kill the bill. Don't refer it back to committee but leave it on General File. You can do that. That is what happened to LB 712, as you will remember the other day. The bill...the committee amendments were adopted and then the bill failed to advance. Well, that bill is still alive. Under the rules it can be considered two more times on General File before it is