

being the case I will oppose bracketing in order to kill it so the next time we are starting with a clean slate. It is going to be...if the money is available, it is going to be an eight cents increase anyway, so it doesn't make any difference and so those who are looking for the revenue are no worse off whether it is bracketed or not bracketed. But at least those who want to earmark the money will be a little further behind and in a little less position to compete with some of the funds. Now I appreciate that when I say that some of you probably that appeals to you. There are some of you probably these three purposes are the most important thing the state government does, but I would suggest that is not true at all and I would hope that you vote not to bracket the bill and let's take up the kill motion and kill it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: (No response.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, it seems to me...if you can listen through my cold, that we are in the habit now of doing away with any kind of earmarking at all, which leaves me with the impression that most of the body should not plan, we probably should develop no priority, we should have no idea about what to do about anything in the future and that seems to me to be nearsighted as well. I support this legislation. I support one part of it probably more than the rest of it. But it makes sense to me to think that we can and should set our priorities and especially when there is obviously and hopefully some funds available to meet those priorities without affecting additional taxes. It is a most responsible thing to do. I would hope that we would support this legislation and hope, of course, that funds then would develop that would make all of these wishes and dreams come true.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are several lights on but I understand, Senator DeCamp, that you wish to focus the discussion a little bit more.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You are recognized.