

SENATOR RUPP: Question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Debate is ceased. Senator Warner, to close on your motion.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, all the discussion is probably much ado about nothing because I am sure the federal tax is never going to be reduced. But it provided an opportunity to discuss the evils, and if there are any merits, the merits of earmarking. I was told the reason it was earmarked eventually...initially, was because of the doubt of federal funds and they didn't want to put this kind of appropriation into the general appropriation because it might not go, number one. But, number two was that the federal...as I indicated earlier, if the federal funds...rather if the federal tax was continued, why no harm was done by having it earmarked because there would be no money for the program. But as has been pointed out by a number of speakers, you could rest assured if that is what we did, that it would have ended up with all kinds of efforts that the Legislature passed something again without funding and that would put us in the position next time that is certainly undesirable. So I would urge you to support the vote to kill the bill and that in the event that it does become available why proper legislation can be introduced next session and heard and handled in that manner and I think that would be the best solution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion before the body is the indefinite postponement, Senator Warner's motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting no.