

Senator Haberman would have. In addition there has been a lot of talk about how the state has really done dirty to the counties, those special creatures. Well, in our budget bill this year if you look through it real carefully you will find where we have to appropriate another \$6.3 million to bail the counties out the Medicaid takeover. That is a lot of state dollars that we are putting into county government. So, in fact, what really is at issue here is simply the amount of money that the county government should be allowed to retain in collecting a tax that we all benefit from. The committee said, well, let's change the formula from its original 25 percent of the tax goes to the counties to 1/3 of the tax goes to the counties. In this case both the counties and the state benefit from an increase in the tax. I would recommend the committee amendments. I ask that you adopt them.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay the motion before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting aye, Pat.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Has everybody voted that wishes to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The committee amendments are adopted. We're back on the main bill. Are there any further amendments to the bill, Mr. Clerk? Okay, before we take up the amendments, Senator Haberman, did you wish to address the bill first?

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Do you have an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,...