

it is not something that can ever be done perfectly, but it is a similar situation. I would guess I would oppose the funding, but would support delaying it a year, and probably vote against the repeal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. (Cavel.) Can we have order in the Chamber, please. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, much has been said that I suppose is my personal feelings. However it has been pointed out that the Appropriations Committee did put LB 727 out to fund homestead as a single item, recognizing that there were a number of people who may like to have it funded, others thought it could be repealed. I believe there is an amendment filed to repeal it. It has been suggested it could be deferred. I think there is an amendment also filed that modifies it. But, in any event, there is no question that if it is appropriated that we are talking about not a tax increase but a greater tax increase in sales and/or income tax. It would seem appropriate to me to deal with that in 727, however the body may wish to do it.

PRESIDENT: Is there...Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I think we made a promise last year that we would do our best to provide some homestead exemption. All across the state, if you talk to your county clerk back home, or your treasurer, or your assessor, or anybody, they'll tell you how many people have come in to file for that exemption, people that never had an exemption before. These are people living in their homes, they are not older, they are young people, they are working people who thought they would get a break. I think they deserve that break. They didn't know and we didn't know that we would have the shortfall in funds that we have right now. But we do have the obligation, I think, to provide this and provide it somehow. A lot of us supported 715. We supported 715 because we assumed that \$16 to \$18 million, whatever it was, would in fact be the money that would be used for the homestead exemption. I think we have a commitment, we should follow it. I would urge us to provide, do not repeal, do not delay but fund the homestead exemption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, there are no other lights