

Vard Johnson.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'd rise to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. I'll try to explain again that the way that the amendment to the appropriation bill is written if LB 31 does not pass, then there would be no reduction. The amendment is written so it would accommodate either way. Concern was expressed that we don't know what is going to happen at the end of this budget provision as much cut may not be needed and if less reductions are needed for whatever reason, then even though LB 31 is advanced when it gets to Final Reading it can be indefinitely postponed because the funding was no longer a problem and in that way no harm is done. On the other hand, if you kill the bill then you have assured that that level of funding is to stay in at the full \$1,300,000 that currently is there. You have to make your own judgment. I cannot make a judgment for each of us, any of us individually. If you think that the difference between the \$210 per month and full medical coverage or \$280 a month with full medical coverage will be the difference between having an abortion or not, I don't know. I would not think so, but I'm not one to judge. That is something each of you would have to judge. But I would urge that the motion to indefinitely postpone be rejected, the bill be advanced and then if it works out that we have other means to solve the financial issue that the state has, then LB 31 would not be needed at that point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Hefner, then Senator DeCamp. Senator Hefner, would you like to go ahead? Senator Vard Johnson isn't here at the moment. Senator DeCamp, would you like to go ahead? You're third in line.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yeah, Mr. President, I'll be relatively brief. I'm going to support the kill motion and it really isn't the money. That isn't the issue. The issue is more fundamental and it is that you're treating the unborn child in a completely different way than the born child. You're legislatively saying they're two completely different entities and I don't want to legislatively say that and for that reason I would vote to kill the proposal and I would suggest those who have a like frame of mind do the same. Rather than say there is a difference between the born and the unborn, which you are obviously, as I say, legislatively acknowledging, I would rather see you lower everything, cut