

easier to raise taxes. That is the basic message. We have got to get this bill moved along because when it comes time for us to decide to raise taxes, that should be an easy question. I contend that it should not be an easy matter for us to raise taxes. I am afraid if we advance this bill and it is a very real possibility to go ahead and raise taxes, it is going to cause us to lose our resolve to get into this budget and effect the necessary cuts to keep taxes from raising. It should not be an easy matter for us when we get frustrated later on today or tomorrow with our deliberations on 722 to just go ahead and advance a spending measure in the budget and say, it is okay we have got the measure to raise taxes. Now I am convinced that if it becomes absolutely impossible for us to effect further cuts in 722, this body is creative enough that on Tuesday we will find a way to move LB 539. Senator Wesely, you know this is not an average bill stuck on General File. The way will be found if we absolutely have to do it. I don't think we ought to make that concession at this point that we absolutely have to raise taxes yet. Our job first of all is to determine how much money is to be spent. We have a lot of proposals yet on that budget bill that is going to let us get into the budget and hopefully effect the cuts so the taxes will not have to be raised. If by next Tuesday it becomes...the majority of the body at that point determines, well, we failed and we have got to look at a tax bill, that is soon enough. It will be done, but it should not be done as an easy matter. It ought to be a hard, difficult decision for us. For that reason, I think we are premature in considering 539 today. I don't consider bracketing it until next week a kill motion. I see it as the right responsible action and I urge you to support the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Shall we hold our conversation down a little so we can hear. Senator Haberman, you are next and then Senator Landis.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, a question of the Chair, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: If we bracket this until next Tuesday, will we...do we have the method whereby to take it from General File and move it through?