

motion to bracket LB 722 until June 3rd. The Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 2589 of the Legislative Journal.) 19 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Now what do we have, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is offered...it is a motion to return the bill for a specific amendment. It is offered by Senators Hoagland, Wesely and Lynch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is an amendment to reinstate the three advocacy commissions and to reinstate the athletic budgets. Now this is a conciliatory amendment. It is a peacemaking amendment. You know, we have really done a good job this year. I have got the figures here and in the round one of cuts that we implemented last week, we took out \$5.7 million (interruption)...

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And in round two we took out \$9.3 million in operations. Today we took out \$3.3 million in capital construction. We have made about \$18 million in cuts so far and they have been hard cuts and difficult cuts. And we have also by transferring the \$5 million over and by lapsing \$1.25 million in other cash funds generated, if you will, over \$6 million in additional funds that can be used. And we brought the budget down from about \$846 million to \$828 million and again we have generated that additional \$6 million by the cash fund transfers and lapses. Now I think we have done an extraordinary job and the Appropriations Committee has done an extraordinary job, but we have made a couple of mistakes. And, you know, in the law and in religion they say that we have to temper justice with mercy. Well, what we need to do here is we need to temper our budget cutting with common sense and good judgment. We need to temper the criteria that we apply, the across-the-board criteria and make exceptions for common sense and good judgment. And it is not good judgment,