

Roads will be backed by builders and contractors, contractors guilty already of price fixing, bid rigging. But they have such power that they have said, leave the budget of the Department of Roads alone and cut those programs that serve human interests, human needs, and those programs have been cut. Well, even with that cutting of all these little programs that will recoup a small amount of money, a tax increase probably is still going to be necessary. I think it would be foolish to cut...to kill this bill at this point. You can sin in haste, as the old people used to say, then repent in leisure. Senator DeCamp is running the Legislature pell mell toward a catastrophe. Senator Beutler and Senator Abboud, who generally are not a part of that kind of action, are trying to facilitate it by this motion to kill the bill. Nothing will be harmed at all if this bill is not killed. We should put it in a position if it is necessary to make use of it to be used without having to go into a special session. I don't think that we are through with the budget bill yet and I know there are some bills that have A bills attached. That LB 600 that Senator Hoagland and others want to get passed has an A bill. Two hundred and something thousand dollars for the judges to have a computer system to help them better ride herd on the district courts. That is going to pass. And they can say, well, we won't spend the money till next year. So what little you might have to carry over to next year will be evaporated by that time. We are going to have a more aggravated problem next year than we have this year. The little agencies that could so symbolically be cut with such fanfare and appearance of doing something will no longer be here to be cut. You then will have to look at the budget of the Department of Roads and some of these other fat-cat programs that are similar at the state level to the Pentagon at the federal level. So what I hope you don't do is kill this bill. I expect that you will. Now the part of me that is responsible is speaking now when I say, don't kill it. The part of me that likes to see the Legislature put itself on the hot seat is saying, yes, kill it, and then keep those agencies dead that you have killed and then the consequences can begin to roll in and we will watch those who should be willing to assume responsibility, as they have been so anxious to create the problem, make every manner of excuse to get out from under the damage that they have done. Responsibility says, don't kill the bill. Headlong foolishness says, yes.