

that we can work for a consensus. I know people have talked about, well, if we bring it back today, if we adopt this amendment, then the process is shot and we won't pass a budget. I don't believe that. I have too much faith in my good friends on all sides of this issue. I have too much faith in people like John DeCamp and Dick Peterson who have indicated that they don't care to vote to extend the session. I have too much faith in them as good-hearted individuals who want to do what is best for the state. You are not going to bring the state government to a halt. If you do adopt this amendment, we will have shown that we can work together. We will have a budget that we can pass with 33 votes later on. You will have assured 33 votes to pass this budget. Keep in mind that is another possibility. Not a threat, I don't want to offer threats in this closing but that is another possibility that needs to be considered. To a lot of us we have got a budget up here that we can't vote for unless this particular amendment gets adopted into it. In the interest of working together, showing some heart, I urge you to adopt this. With that, I think this is an important enough measure, I would like everybody to check in and let's have a roll call vote.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LABEDZ: A point of clarification please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: If the budget bill, 722, is not advanced with 33 votes and we are called into a special session, then LB 722 is no longer before us. We would have to reintroduce another bill so it would not be a one-day session, right?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

SENATOR WITHEM: (Microphone off)...the body could extend this session by an additional day to deal with this issue?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, with 40 votes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you.