

taxpayer to another. I would hope that we would not send the bill back to committee, but I would hope we would debate it thoroughly and very unemotionally here on the floor. And if, after that period of time, there is need of a public hearing, perhaps then we ought to take a look at it again. But I think we can do it here on the floor. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please, then Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'd rise to oppose the motion to rerefer to committee for public hearing based on a number of basis. There have obviously been public hearings held. We always hold public hearings on salary policy. It was held in the evening for the convenience of employees. The provisions dealing with the CIR, certainly the issue was before the Legislature in the Business and Labor Committee and the bill that was introduced by the Governor which just flat out prohibited any negotiations for economic purposes. So that subject has had...at least been addressed by one of the committees. In fact there is amendment...a bill here pending which by number I guess did not have a hearing. It would not be accurate to state that the issue itself has not had public hearings because they obviously have had, not only this session but in previous years. But I would urge that you would advance the bill. If there are amendments...or reject the motion to rerefer back to committee. If there are motions pending relative to the salary adjustment, take those up when they come. As a matter of fact it would be exceedingly important not to refer the bill back to committee so those things can be addressed. Because without language that spells out the distribution of salary adjustments then you are creating another set of problems, not that it couldn't be handled in some other place, but nevertheless you are creating another set of problems that we would have to deal with. So I'd urge the...reject the motion to rerefer back to the committee for a hearing and deal with it here on the floor.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, then Senator Barrett.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the motion to refer back to committee. Actually the motion doesn't really call for any discussion on what LB 1250 is