

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall LR 318CA be indefinitely postponed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to kill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have any other motions, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rupp. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me just speak briefly in support of LR 318 and I would like to see Senator Rupp make a serious effort to put this on the ballot this year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, the call is raised. Go ahead, Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief because I know that many of you have formed your own ideas and your own feelings about this bill, but I think it is important. I think it is important that voters be given the option to place this additional restriction on themselves if they choose to do so. I am concerned about the national trends that Senator Rupp and others have referred to. I think we are seeing more and more let's take it into our own hands form of democracy and I think in the end that is not good. I think in the end we should...and I have led a ballot petition drive myself and I know how difficult it is to gather enough signatures to put something on the ballot. But I think in the end what we need to do is work toward strengthening representative democracy. This is where the action is. All of us are accountable to our own 32,500 constituents and, as Senator Rupp indicated, we are up for election every four years, I think we need to do what we can to focus public energy and attention on the legislative process here. I think we are plenty responsive here. As a matter of fact, sometimes I think the Legislature is too responsive, too responsive to constituent concerns and I would hate to have that authority further diminished by making ballot measures too easy to put on the ballot. My second reason is, quite frankly, I am concerned with some of the ballot measures I see out there. Some of the income and