

income tax and tie everything together. At what point do you quit making a mockery of the constitutional principles? So I say it is not within the call to enter upon this business and raise that objection.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the point of order? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this matter was not sent to the floor some long time ago. There was an Executive Session of the Government Committee yesterday afternoon, following the adoption of the budget amendment. It has been a timely consideration. Let me read to you the request from Senator Warner for an Attorney General's opinion. "It is my request to you for an Attorney General's opinion about the determination of LB 29 as being beyond the scope of the Governor's call. Since then the Legislature has adopted an amendment," which I have enclosed and now have read to the body, "to the appropriations bill LB 1, which may, I believe, affect the conclusion of such an opinion. Consequently, I would now like to renew my request for an Attorney General's opinion on whether LB 29 is beyond the scope of the Governor's call since the bill now appears to have a direct relationship to budget reductions made in LB 1 for the program in the Auditor's Office pertaining to audits of political subdivisions. As the session may be winding down soon, and LB 29 is still in committee," this was yesterday, "I hope that this would be quickly done." As I said before, there has been verbal confirmation that the Attorney General's opinion will be favorable. However, what I'd suggest is that in the event the Attorney General tells us no, it is beyond the call, we stop considering the bill, but at this point we take up the bill, handle it, move it to Select File, and then in that case if, for some reason, the Attorney General's opinion which is forthcoming tells us that it is beyond our ken, then put the matter aside. But at this point I think we should proceed, as we did yesterday, with, number one, the notion that there is a very legitimate relationship of this subject matter to what the call was; and, secondly, that we are operating in a situation on which there has been no direct conclusion that the bill in its present form and under the current circumstances that we are in is outside the call. We should act until we find out that we are acting improperly.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.