

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a piece of legislation, which in spite of what the introducer has said, he said it is not a way to kill Council of State Governments, it appears that way to me. So I would urge to simply indefinitely postpone the bill that does not save dollars for the State of Nebraska. It has the identical dollar cost to the taxpayer. It is not needed. It is one piece of legislation we don't have to talk about the rest of the session if we indefinitely postpone it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Haberman is not on the floor so I am going to speak briefly against the kill motion. I think this is one of those bills that oftentimes comes up early in the session where we are busy doing lots of things, getting our own bills introduced, preparing for committee hearings. We kind of half listen on the floor and half pay attention to other things and we only start listening on a bill like this when two or three senators get up to raise some objections to it. And so we only start listening when the most dire prediction of what a bill might conceivably do some years down the road comes to bear. This is not a bill that abolishes the Council of State Government. It doesn't harm it in any way, as I tried to explain yesterday. At least from my perception of what it does, it provides for a little tighter accounting standards for how we are going to account for the money that goes into paying the dues for the Council of State Governments. I guess if you are planning on voting in favor of this because you assumed it was going to save \$20,000 of taxpayers money, it is probably not. That 20,000 or 21 or whatever it is will be allocated against the budgets of those departments for whose dues we are now paying. It seems to be a fair thing to do. I think Senator Haberman brings us a good idea. It is not a revolutionary idea that is going to change things all around. I would urge you to defeat the kill motion and support Senator Haberman's bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, I have to urge you, too, to defeat the motion, and Senator Withem