

government. So I will be joining with those supporting the kill motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LANGFORD: I just...Mr. President and colleagues, I have a couple points that I would like to contest Senator Vard. I'm sure the counties are just delighted with the homestead exemption law that was passed by the Legislature and then they are required to pay 10 percent of it, and I would assume they would like to have the personal property tax back that was supposed to be replaced by the Legislature and never has. I don't feel that this lengthy document that we were given as part of the payment to counties is very truthful because many of the things that are given as part of the counties state aid are things that are not used by the counties nor do the counties want them. They are state functions that are the necessity for us to pay for and they are not aid to the counties at all. I don't see anything the matter with the bill that has been presented by Senator Abboud. I don't see anything the matter with requiring able-bodied people to go to work. You know, maybe if some of those people were available in this area, we could finally get the Capitol cleaned decently for a change. We still have our little collection between these two chairs as of three weeks now. So I will not support the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Elmer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, these types of bills always make me think of things I was taught when I was in Sunday School, but somebody in this body reminded me of a story that I had forgotten. Jesus liked to use the master-servant relationship to illustrate points and there was a servant who had an obligation to his master and the master forgave him. This servant in turn was owed something by another servant and he came down on that servant with both feet and extracted from him the last iota of what was owed, treated him very, very mean. And after that happened and the master found out about it he said, I forgave you and you treated your fellow servant thus. Then he treated that individual appropriately. So I have to say again that those who get benefits ought to realize that and remember it when they are trying to deny