

with the pop and the beer and let's just see what happens tomorrow when we deal with 330 in the budget and then move them all or move a portion of them or raise the revenue in some other form as the body deems fit at that point in time. But I move to bracket this bill, Mr. President, and would ask the body's adoption of it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to oppose Senator Hall's bracket motion on LB 22. The reason I do, I mean, it doesn't make any difference. You can do it now or do it Thursday and my vote won't change and the reason that is is because quite simply, as I have said repeatedly, if you want to do a level of funding that some people at least have indicated they want to do with the level of 330, at the very minimum you have to pass LB 22, LB 815 and...can't think of the other bill off the top of my head to tell you the truth, but it's that simple. I mean if you don't pass LB 22, quite simply with the action we've already done tonight and assuming the Medicaid cuts are in, you're about \$600,000 below the minimum reserve already and so I mean you absolutely have to pass LB 22 at some point in time. Now if the same holds true for liquor, I don't know, but my attitude quite simply is that I don't want to raise taxes any more than I have to and if I have to do it more than that, that's fine, I'm willing to do that if that's what has to be. My preference is not to behave in that manner though. The one thing, I'd be much more willing to raise some of these taxes if I could be assured they would be going to the bank, but the fact is we're going to raise them to spend and that's what I'm having a concern about. I mean, I'd vote for...if I knew the pop tax was going to go put in the bank, solve our problem two years from now, I'd vote for it tonight. If I knew the liquor tax was going to go to solve our problem two years from now and correct our trend lines, I'd vote for it. But that's not what is going to happen with it and for that reason at least, that's why I didn't vote to advance that bill last time. But I certainly would be opposed to the bracket motion for LB 22. I think we ought to continue down the agenda and let the votes fall where they may and let's see what happens. Obviously if Senator Hall has his way we'll do it the other way around, but either way, for the grace of the constitution, we'll have a balanced budget when it's all over.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Robinson.