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If I own it as a private person, then I pay for the services that are provided me as a citizen. If the government happens to own it but are using it for the same purpose that I do, then this simply would require that they contribute in the same manner that I do. Again, we're not denying government subdivisions the opportunity to do this. All we're saying is that if you do do it, then you will pay taxes on a comparable basis. Again, it's not easy. It's changing the status quo. That's never easy. But we do have a mandate, an instruction, if you will, from the voters that this is what they'd like to see. And I think we have the obligation to carry it forward. This amendment...I think Senator Wickersham was conservative. He said he would...it would eliminate about 75 percent of the bill. I think it would go further than that. We're going to...with the bill the way it is, we're not going to allow you...or, not going to allow a special deal if you're a government subdivision, a deal that you couldn't get if you were a private person. And I strongly urge you to maintain the high road here, to carry through with this bill without the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Byars on Amendment 1492 to LB 271.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Cudaback and colleagues, I would respectfully call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye; all opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. Senator Byars. There's a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote aye; all opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unexcused senators please check in. All unauthorized people on the floor please leave. The house is under call. Senator Baker, Senator Beutler, Senator Brown, Senator Chambers, the house is under call. Senator Coordsen, Senator Landis, would you please check in? Thank you. Senator Chris Peterson, would you please check in? Thank you. Senator Matzke, the house is under call. All