

We don't know which of the revenue raising tools we are going to be using. Now for myself it makes a difference. I am in favor of some and I am against others just like you are in favor of some and against others, and before I feel comfortable saying what kind of spending limitation we are going to have, I would like to know what tools I am going to be called upon to use to reach that limitation because it may affect how much I am willing to spend. If the Legislature is willing to use a certain kind of revenue raising tool, I may be willing to spend more. If they are using tools I don't like, you know, I would be willing to spend less perhaps. So I don't know what I am saying in the end, except that I am not ready to vote and I hope that somebody on the floor will address the problem of whether this is not maybe premature and how we might otherwise deal with it. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it would appear to me that at the moment most of us are at a point where we are not quite sure, as Senator Beutler has said, what tools we are going to use to provide revenue for the funding of appropriations. It does seem to me like the point is well taken that for the time being and until our Revenue Committee has had an opportunity, which is about another week away, to measure the true impact of those sources that have been submitted to us and for us to make that decision and come up with a recommendation that it might be well that this resolution be laid over for the time being. We are not a spending session as I view it but we are in a revenue session and that is of the utmost importance at this particular point. So I think that this morning and I am not sure if there is an amendment on the Clerk's desk or not, but if not, I do have one that I would offer that would lay this over and the Appropriations Committee amendment until the Revenue Committee reports to the floor the necessary revenue bills to affect the budget. Mr. Clerk, if you do not have a motion to that effect on your desk, I will sign this one and bring it up there and so move.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Carsten would move to lay over LR 215 and the Appropriations Committee amendment until the Revenue Committee reports to the floor all necessary revenue bills to affect the budget.