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the amount of money we are talking about is substantially, going to be substantially reduced if we are successful at amending that bill. Now that, as I say, I can't tell you we are going to do it because we haven't made that decision on the floor yet. But regardless it will not cost \$33,000 for the balance of this coming year. The total cost if we left 488 on the books or if we passed it, for example, just the way it is printed now, the total cost would be \$67,640 on an annual basis. However, again as I say we are going to try to amend the bill down to a 5 percent increase each year for the four-year period that they are in office. So, consequently, there is not really a severe need for this particular A bill. Now, it is for that reason that I am asking that it be killed. If it isn't killed, that is not a big thing. We will just advance it and then amend it also. But it is a matter of making sure we get 488 considered and if we don't really need the money, why spend it? That is my philosophy of trying to kill the darn thing now. But if you want to keep the A bill alive, so be it. It is not a big thing. It is not going to be even the \$33,000. It will probably be half that or a little less than half that, in fact, a matter of \$15,000, something like that. So, consequently, all these agencies, the seven agencies could actually absorb this \$15,000...\$16,000, something like that, in their present budgets. That is the logic that I followed when I decided, forget it, why bother with an A bill. For that reason I am going to ask that we go ahead and kill the bill now. Let us take that vote. If it dies, fine. If it doesn't, then we will just advance it with the understanding that we are going to be reducing it anyhow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, he was closing, did you have a clarification or something you want to question, or what?

SENATOR KAHLE: The clarification would be...and I certainly know he was closing but it would seem to me we should not kill the A bill and work on it instead of the bill itself because that is where the money is.

PRESIDENT: That is the issue. So the question is motion to indefinitely postpone 488A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Goodrich, I don't know what you want to do, there is a whole number of people that aren't voting, so....ready, take it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Let it go.

PRESIDENT: Record the vote.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I will just make another motion.