

level that might have a five to 50-year range. It becomes a three to 50, or a five to 50, but the judge need not give anything more than three or more than five, give a flat sentence of five years,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and the bill has been defeated. A flat sentence of three years, and the bill has been defeated. What you're acknowledging is that the problem is with the judges. Get tough with a pregnant woman, do you know that pregnant woman got a stiffer sentence, under the present law, than she would get if she was under that three-year minimum, and the three years became the maximum. So? That's what makes you all feel good, that's what you all feel is just and wise legislation. I disagree.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the question is the indefinite postponement of LB 592. Machine vote. We are technically still under call, Senator Chambers. Members, please check in and record your presence. Senator Wesely, would you record your presence. Senator Smith, please. Senators Lamb and Hefner, the house is under call. Thank you. Senator Chambers advises we can proceed with the roll call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1427-28 of the Legislative Journal. 13 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. The call is raised. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to bracket the bill until April 17.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, a significant issue of this most recent vote is not the outcome but the fact that such a small number of individuals voted at all. I believe that is indicative of the fact that many of us are torn, none of us are in favor of drugs, all of us want to do something. We have a variety of solutions and we have a number of ideas and some of us don't have any ideas but we just don't know what to do. It's