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LB 84, 739

SENATOR LANGFORD: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 12 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does cease. Senator Warner, to close on your motion to return to Select File.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, part of the argument was this is a way to return 98 million to the taxpayer. You could adopt this amendment, return 57 million. Then you could adopt LB 739 on the income tax, although I'm sure there are some who would like to see this pass and that fail. But if you did the two, you could save... return to the taxpayer 105 million. Over the period of four years, you can return to the taxpayer, or rather not take from them, 96.8 million, which is virtually what you're doing here one time with no guarantee of continuation. Matter of fact, what you're really proposing to the taxpayer, and we all openly admit it, is an increase in sales or income tax in some form to continue with this level of property tax relief, which I would like to see, but I also don't like to see the false hope that something would be started that you don't have to pay for, and that's the perception we're giving people. It's one-time money for a many-time occasion, and that doesn't, just doesn't, work. Unfortunately, all of you have things in mind, I'm sure all of us do, that if this passes something will not be able to pass that you do not like. Well, even if you return this, reduce it to 40 million, that isn't going to begin to get to where we have to get. It's just a start. On that four-page sheet, if you want to end up with a planned reserve based on the assumptions, you got to get to 228 million. Take the 40 off and you still have 180 million to go. Lots of things have to go. A little bit of it ought to come here.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the question is the return of the bill to Select File. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.