

voted on today and then, after we establish how much we will get back for property tax relief, we can start to look at the other priorities that we're going to be facing in the closing days of the session. I urge the adoption of the suspension motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, did you care to speak? Senator Lynch? Senator Schmit, did you care to speak to this? Thank you. Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, I may as well. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it seems to me there's a number of issues. A lot of the talk has been what is returned to the taxpayer and there's been some discussion, such as Senator Schmit, discussion a few minutes ago was about the net that's returned, and that's been discussed by others. Then we have LB 739. Now, in part, as I understand the income tax and I do not claim to be an expert, but apparently those who do not itemize cannot deduct state income tax. My understanding it's something like, on the average, 30 percent, but maybe 50 percent of those, if you do not pass LB 739, who will continue to pay a higher income tax are not going to be able to deduct it, somewhere in those areas, at least it will have an impact. When we put LB 84 together and LB 739 together, the increase of income taxes with LB 84 would reduce in their deductions, and then you continue their state income tax at a higher level. Some taxpayers are, at least those who do not itemize, just take the standard deduction, cannot take credit for, and it seems to me that we may have a net effect upon the citizens of this state that is not as beneficial as we perhaps are led to believe. I think it's a mistake to push this ahead until there is some rationale between those two. Most certainly, I would not like to see LB 84 read unless LB 739 was close behind it, within the same day so you could do some reconsideration if necessary. And for those reasons and because of the obvious need to reduce the budget in a number of areas, one of which I think is going to have to be here before we get done, I would hope we would not suspend the rules to read it tonight.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, please. Five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Hall, would you care