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LB 84, 739

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ..is still issue...is still up for any kinds of motions that want to go up. I recognize he hasn't done that. I'm not interested in harassing or filibustering the bill. I think it would be all right and nothing would be hurt by waiting for a couple days to vote on this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud, would you like to discuss it? Senator Hall on deck.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, a couple of short comments. I fail to see any relationship between LB 84 and LB 739. I support both of the bills. I will be supporting LB 739 on Final Reading, as I am supporting LB 84. The only relationship between the two is that we're giving money back to the taxpayer. But there is a big difference between the two in that LB 84 is a continuation starting out with approximately 23 million, going up to 24 million dollars in the coming years. I don't see any reason to bracket it. There's no relation. It's the 85th day. If we don't pass this in the next couple days, we're not going to have the bill to pass. We have to do it before the 90th day. I fail to see any reason not to establish this bill, send it over to the Governor and get it enacted into law. You know, it's kind of...this year's been a different year. I know I've been talking to a few of you about how this year's different from other years in that the good old days back when I first got in we didn't have to worry about money problems. The money wasn't there so we didn't have to worry about different special interest groups coming in and asking for money. Their basic concern was to not get cut. And I think in the years that we had prior to this time we were never here quite this late or spent this amount of time discussing our budget bills. It seems that we've had more problems since we had money than the times when we didn't have any money at all to spend. I don't think that...I don't think that we need to adopt this amendment. There's no rational reason to adopt this particular amendment to the bill. I view this as harassment of the bill. I feel that if this is going to continue this doesn't serve any purpose to this body. I think we ought to reject the amendment and let's get on to a vote and leave.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.