

Attorney General's Opinion here, we're talking the courts have determined already that that provision is provided for, that which LB 2 was introduced and stated to prevent currently is there. The remedy is there. We don't need the bill. The arguments for the bill are the very same arguments against it, that it is not necessary. Why was the bill introduced? The bill was introduced because it's the foundation for this house of cards that we're calling a Special Session. And without the reason for this Special Session, without the reason to say that there is a crisis out there, without the reason that we need to prevent this flow of refunds that will wipe out subdivisions of government, you really don't have an emergency. You really don't have the need for a Special Session. All the Attorney General is saying is that, sure the bill is constitutional, as a matter of fact, you can do it right now, there is not a problem. And he quotes cases, and he quotes the court's decision, and that is the reason I offered the kill motion, because we don't need it. And I think it reflects on the Special Session as a whole. I would urge the adoption of the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you care to respond?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I oppose killing this bill. I think that we need LB 1 and LB 2 as a package. And this, I realize, will only address the short-term problems that we have. And we definitely need to work towards a long-term solution. Senator Schmit says I served on the Revenue Committee for 13 years, that's right. And we've been struggling with this problem. We've known for a number of years that we had problems, but we just could not find the solution. So we're here today, when the crisis has hit. Yes, I was on the response team, and we wrestled with it. But now I think the crisis that we face is that local government could come up short with approximately \$30 million. So what we're trying to do is stop that. If we don't do it before the end of the year, that \$30 million could be gone down the drain. So I think it's important that we pass LB 1, that we keep this bill alive and advance it, discuss it some more tomorrow, because I feel that we need to address this for a short-term solution, and I believe that these two bills, along with LB 7, would do that. So I would urge you to vote against LB 2.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, would you care to