

says you don't have a problem in terms of the refund issue. The courts have said you don't have a problem in regards to the refund issue. In other words, you don't have a need for a special session because you don't have an emergency and there is the crux of the problem, ladies and gentlemen, because you have taken away all of the arguments for being down here in Lincoln this week. You've just wiped them out because there is no emergency, there is no need to protect a base of taxes that will be refunded because of some court action. It isn't going to happen and, even if it did, the process by which you could protect yourself is currently in statute, and the courts have said that and there is no basis for LB 2. There is no reason to have this bill before us. We've dealt with the issue as recently as six months ago. The committee amendments that we have adopted to the bill, basically all they did was take LB 762 and say that we endorse it. We do not change it, rip it out of statute as the green copy of LB 2 would have us do, but we endorse it. We've done very, very little except leave that nub in that Senator Landis talked about. And I would say that that is not necessary and argue that there is no reason to have this bill before us, that we can...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...currently, in statute, do what LB 2, as the courts have said we are allowed to do. But when you wipe this out you wipe out the premise for being here and then somebody has egg on their face. That is an unfortunate thing, but it also is very correct and I would urge you to vote to indefinitely postpone LB 2. There will be good arguments for LB 7 and I think you ought to listen to those, but LB 2 is not needed. We currently have all the tools we need before us and in statute to handle the situation. I would urge the body to kill this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the question is the indefinite postponement of LB 2. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record please. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 111 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Next order of business, Mr. Clerk.