

General's Opinion, and it is up to the Legislature to decide whether they want to follow that opinion or not. So, that is your answer.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. In other words, you don't care to rule on it.

PRESIDENT: That's true, and I think the Legislature should declare for themselves whether they want to say it's in or out.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. It would take a separate motion to do that then?

PRESIDENT: I would suggest that, yes. As I understand it, Senator Hefner, the situation is that you can argue either way you want to whether the amendment or the motion itself should be adopted, thereby coming to the conclusion that it is the will of the body or not, without a motion to declare whether this is within or without the scope of the call. Okay?

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Yes, you're welcome. Incidentally, your time has elapsed, but I would remind the body that we've been going away from the Dierks amendment, really, and we've been back to the Landis amendment so I just suggest to you that perhaps you might want to be discussing the Dierks amendment to the amendment more so than...and you're not the only one, Senator Hefner. I'm not chastising you, but we are on the Dierks amendment which is a little different of course than the Landis amendment. Senator Barrett, you are next in line, followed by Senator Ashford and Senator Warner.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The Dierks amendment that is now before us is essentially setting up a third category, income tax brackets, and from looking at it very quickly as it had been placed on our desks, it does make a certain amount of sense to me. It appears that the lower income bracket will be increased probably three-quarters of a percent, roughly, that zero to 50,000 group. Then the middle group apparently will be reduced a bit and the upper income brackets, of course, will be increased a little under 30 percent, yielding about the same revenue that the committee amendments would develop. I think that it probably is germane to the Standing Committee amendments, that is the Dierks amendment. However, I