

You did vote to take the issues in LB 6 and put them in LB 7.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Haberman, this...Senator Haberman, this is my time. But I'm still opposed to bringing LB 6 to the floor to gut it and to put the increase of corporate income tax in. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: The evening is getting late and we are wearing away at our ability to deliberate thoughtfully and respectfully, I guess I just...I was going to let my light pass this time. But when Loran Schmit accused me of picking on the weakest chicken in the barnyard (laughter), I don't know, I thought to myself, wait a second, for a chicken the corporate community has been pretty darn tough over the course of the eleven sessions I've been here. I don't think of it as picking on the weakest chicken in the barnyard. It's a strange logic that says the property taxpayers have had it rough. The farmers have had it rough. The personal property...the real estate property taxpayers have been pushed around right and left, and by God, now it's okay to throw \$12 million more in, as a matter of fact if you don't stick...if you don't put the \$12 million on their head, and if you try to pass it off to the corporate sector, from whence the \$12 million problem came, why then that accounts for picking on the weakest chicken in the barnyard. The logic that leads to that conclusion escapes me. Maybe it's just apparent and self-evident, and I should be able to see it, and I'm just not looking at it well enough there. But I don't get it. I don't get how the real estate property taxpayer in this state is the person that we should first turn to to absorb this loss, and why the least taxed element of our state is somehow deserving of our...apparently our pity here because they are such a weak chicken. And for that reason we should let this cup pass from us so as not to burden and unduly bully this weak chicken. I don't see it that way, but if there are a lot of you that do, and who think that it's the big, bad, tough property taxpayers who ought to get this hit, and the weak corporate section of the state that ought to let this one by, that will be the outcome. I support the motion to place LB 6 on General File. I understood that was the objection that Senator Warner had identified to consideration of that form. And I hope the body will give me the fair shot for this issue that we were proceeding on, at which time we dropped it out of consideration of LB 7. Thank you.