

constitutionality of these bills in a timely fashion. Number one, it is possible we could get something while we are in session in the spring which would allow us to immediately...to immediately treat the problem if they are found to be unconstitutional. Number two, if there is no decision during the session in the spring, there is a possibility that we could get it as early in the tax year as possible so that the local subdivisions would not take another hit on another year's loss of tax dollars, and we'd be able to treat the problem as it came up. I think at worst what we can get is a decision early in the tax year saying that the bills are unconstitutional. At best what we can get is a decision saying that the bills are constitutional. If the bills are constitutional, I don't think that this amendment harms the bill at all. What it does is allows the confirmation of their constitutionality. If the bills are unconstitutional, it allows us to get back to work and do something that would be constitutional. In short, I think the amendment can't hurt the situation. I think it can certainly assist the situation and I would urge its adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Lindsay motion to return the bill. I have a number of lights on. I will go through them quickly. If you would like to speak, fine. If not, please take your lights off. Senator Schmit, on the motion to return. Senator Ashford, on the motion to return. Would you please remove your light. Senator Warner, on the motion to return.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose the motion. As I understand it, it is to apply to all of the bills that will be enacted upon adjournment. As far as LB 7 is concerned, as a practical matter, that is going to be before the Supreme Court in fairly rapid fashion anyway, so context of a portion of the bill was to be a factor, as stated, in the bill and as stated in the Attorney General's letter, was to be a factor in the I believe 243 pending cases now. If there is merit in Senator Lindsay's motion, it probably more appropriately ought to have been put on one of the other bills which would not probably go directly to the court. I see no benefit from it. I, frankly, see no harm in it, if you want to stay for two more days, but I see no benefit. And if there is no benefit with the passage of LB 7, then there is no reason or need to do it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, did you wish to