

April 15, 1991 LB 732A

All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: I'll now recognize Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I've heard it said on the floor many, many times that the citizens overwhelmingly voted this on a constitutional amendment, the citizens overwhelmingly approved this. But the citizens didn't know, they didn't know that it was going to cost \$10 million in five years. At the present time, we have a problem with taxes. The citizens are saying we're paying too much tax, and they are correct. We have a problem with the real estate tax, personal property tax, income tax, sales tax, and the citizens are saying we're tired, we're tired, we cannot carry a heavier load. They were tired when this amendment was placed on the ballot. And I doubt very much if they would have approved it with the vast majority that's been mentioned on this floor, if they knew that in five years it would cost \$10 million, which is going to be a tax increase somewhere. It's going to be a tax increase somewhere. Now we do not have to pass this legislation and create the courts this year, so let's do this, 732, it looks like it's going to pass. But let's hold up the funding, let's hold up the funding until next year. Let's let them get everything in place, do all the procedure work, if they haven't already done it, and then next year come in with an A bill to fund the appellate court. Nothing will be hurt to do that and do it in that method. We will possibly have the tax situation straightened out by that time, and it would be a good method, a good compromise. But if we create the courts, let's hold up the financing until next year, if we wish to do so. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 732A? Seeing no one, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close? Machine vote has been requested. We will now vote on