

advancement of the resolution?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, I move that LR 186 be advanced from Select File to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER BAACK: This is a debatable motion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this proposal is poised very precariously at this point. The last vote on the Lindsay-Will-Withem amendment could have significance on what support, ultimately, 186 will have and maybe it won't. But I think people need to be very, very careful, if the stakes are as high as we've been told they are, when they so summarily dismiss a proposition in the way the last one was dismissed. There were 26 votes against that proposition, 14 votes for, and the rest, who may or may not be here actually, did not choose to vote. If those who favor 186 get the 26 votes who were opposed to the last proposition, which was voted down, they can move this bill. But that's not the battle being won. Defeating the proposition may have been a Pyrrhic victory, or it may have been like that, and I think that occurred during the Punic Wars, where you win a battle, but in the process you suffer such heavy losses yourself that you lose ultimately the war. I don't know whether 186 is that important to everybody. I don't know whether the proposition that the three senators co-sponsored, which was voted down, is important to anybody other than the 14 who voted in favor of it. I want to see if the victory was a Pyrrhic victory, or if it was an overwhelming defeat of those who might not feel so comfortable with 186 in its present form. I'm just talking now, Senator Hillman, to get some things into the record, not to try to change your mind, not to try to persuade anybody, but just as an observer who is a part of the body that is ultimately going to make a decision about 186. I don't even know if I'll vote for it, one way or the other, as I did not vote when it first was voted on, on General File. There is an issue in which I have a tremendous amount of concern, about which I have concern, and in which I have a great interest. It's at the bottom of the agenda. The fact that it's placed there will mean it's not going to be dealt with this year, and the Legislature is going to be made a part of the state's killing apparatus. There are some in this body who will be deliriously happy because of that. The sheer bloodthirstiness and vindictiveness of such people gives me pause to consider what manner of person they really are. Despite the fact that that issue will not come before us