

the Legislature is doing. We can properly diagnose the ailment. We have it within our power to cure it and we're going to something that is totally irrelevant to the disease so we can pretend to have dealt with it when, in fact, we haven't. I had mocked and scoffed at the Legislature when they adopted Senator Hall's motion to put the tax on services. I wish I remembered exactly what I said but I said something to the effect that the people in the lobby had gone home after a certain hour and they're going to let us play like little children in the sandbox and say, do what you want to this evening and have a few days where you think what you do counts, then we're going to come back and take care of the real business and you're going to take this amendment off. And that's what happened. And that's why I mock and I scoff trying to make us see how we're dealt with by these groups outside the Legislature. When I mock the Legislature, in a sense, I'm mocking myself because I'm a part of the Legislature and I lack the ability to persuade enough of you to do what it is we ought to do. I can't embarrass you into it. I can't humiliate you into it. I cannot ridicule you into it. I cannot argue you into it, then they make you do the very thing that I said, then I'm the villain because I said they crack the whip and you will jump. The whip is not in my hand, would that it were and we'd do a lot more of what we should do than we do. We all know this is a difficult problem and we know it is a serious problem but I think we all know, if we would admit it, that the last 10 days of the Legislature is not the time nor is this the manner in which we should call ourselves discharging our responsibility. But let's say that 40 people vote to put this on the ballot, it's put on the ballot and they vote in August or whenever the date is set...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it's rejected, and it's rejected, then what have we done? WE have delayed by that amount of time when we have to call a special session because then we're right back where we are now except the people told us, you tried to work this shell game on us and we don't accept it, then we're right back here without a constitutional amendment, the problem has been untouched and we've lost the time. I think we ought to leave this thing alone. We ought to kill it, adjourn Wednesday and be called into a special session, or take the 40 votes to extend the session and deal with it as we should. Senator Hall is right, we're going to have to deal with it but we can deal with it legislatively. We can just forget this and take LB 829