

February 26, 1992 LB 1063

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: The house is under call. Will all members return to the Chamber and register your presence. Okay, Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes. Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I will proceed with my closing as members are coming in. I think that we've had a good discussion here this morning. It took a little longer than I anticipated, but I think it was a good discussion. There have been...and I'm not going to discuss the merits or demerits of LB 1063. I was not a supporter of 1063 as it came out of the 3-R Committee and I have not necessarily switched to being a supporter of 1063. That's not the reason I bring this motion. I bring this motion because I think we need to have this option out there for the Legislature to discuss. There has been a lot of rhetoric on the floor and I think that Senator Landis expressed it very well, some of it helpful, some of it not so helpful, and I hope the administration is listening, the executive side is listening because there is some rhetoric coming from that side that's not very helpful either in this issue. Some of the things that the Governor said about his plan helping the little guys and the other plan is not helping the little guys, I think are very, very harmful and very devastating to the discussion here. We all need to remain flexible. We don't want to dig in our heels at this point and say the only plan I'm going to accept is my plan. That's not the way we get there. We've got a long ways to go in this body and we have a problem here that we simply have got to solve this session. It is not something that can linger on for another session. We have to come to resolution of this problem and the only we're going to come to a resolution on this problem is by all working together and being flexible. There certainly is no reason for either side to be gloating at this point. If they are paying attention at all to the process and they have noticed that this body is very, very evenly divided, on most issues one or two votes determines how we go in this body. That certainly is nothing for anyone to be gloating over and I think the executive side took a little bit of a posture of gloating yesterday after some of that and I think that that ought to stop. We don't need that right now. That's not helpful right now. It's also not helpful right now to have the executive side out there saying, well, 1063 stinks, but it stinks less than the other side. That's not helpful. That's not helpful to coming to resolution of this problem. It's not helpful when we're going to have to