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LB 6
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election to find out if you needed to do it, (a), or, (b), not doing anything at all and forcing the assessors to use the current statutes to go out and try to collect that tax. So, I mean, it's kind of a Catch 22, you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't but you're damned a lot better if you do it this way...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...and, frankly, I think to give those assessors as much lead time as possible it's much better that they begin the process of looking at that now in July as opposed to waiting till the middle or toward the end of September and trying to do it at that point in time. They can always forget about it and say, gosh, I'm glad I don't have to do that if the constitutional amendment doesn't pass, and in the middle of September if it fails, they now have to gear up and work overtime in order to implement the proposal that they could have started middle of July.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Rogers, to be followed by Senator Crosby. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I guess it's been real hard for me and I guess I still haven't committed one way on LB 6. We talked about what some of the economic factors of the LR could have and maybe even LB 6 and I'm sure there's only about eight senators on the floor but I had or made three phone calls over the noon hour. These are inventories and these are some of the larger feedlots in my district and one of them said, not counting machinery, just talking about his inventory, livestock, \$3 million; on cattle it would be \$30,000, two of them. They both have about \$4.5 million of inventory, \$45,000; you talk about economic development, they cannot afford to continue to pay a tax rate like that. The feedlots are going to leave and they're going to decrease in size. I don't think there is any doubt about that. I guess I just don't understand not having the support and maybe LR 1 is not the total answer but it seemed like at least we would have given the people a chance to vote. Putting all this back on, I served on a county board for years, whether the courts direct us to do it or not, I could truthfully stand here and tell you senators that are still here it will not work this first year. There is no way in the world it can be done accurately. You talk about putting prices on, there is no manuals out. They probably don't have time to