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LB 6
LR 1

move adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, thank you, Senator Hall. I will now recognize senators in the following order to discuss the Hall amendment, which we are reconsidering. I will recognize Senator Warner, Senator Schmit, Senator Haberman, Elmer, Schimek, and Robak. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, it has probably been said but it probably would bear repeating because we've, I think as others have referred to, we've gotten all on what some of us may individually do if one thing is done or something else is done. The reason for LB 6, in the discussion that at least I recall in committee and other members of the Legislature, and the reason for broadening the call, was in the event that we have to put property back on by court action that if we waited until after the election, or by the election failure, if we wait till after the election, there simply wasn't time and the reason for passing this was so that in the event that the LR 1 goes on the ballot and in the event the voters do not adopt it, that the mechanics which could be begun now with some uniformity across the state. Obviously, we could wait until after the special election, assuming that happened, to consider LB 6 or a like bill, but there simply would not have been the time for the administrative work to be done that needs to be done yet this fiscal year should that be necessary. I think LB 6, if there is a constitutional amendment, isn't a case of threatening one side or the other. If the constitutional amendment is on the ballot and if it is rejected, it just makes good sense if the mechanics that are necessary to begin an appraisal process of personal property has been initiated prior to that time. If it is not needed, fine, but if it is needed, there will be avoided an awful lot of problems, and I think for that reason LB 6 should be enacted but I...obviously, the two go together. That is the whole concept, but it is not a threat type of thing from my viewpoint of one versus the other, or I won't vote for one without the other, but it is necessary to have this bill enacted if a constitutional amendment is on the ballot so we can be prepared in the event of its failure not to have tremendous administrative problems. So I would urge adoption of Senator Hall's amendment, which as has been pointed out time and time again, is the mechanics of how it will be done.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schmit.