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projects out of the General Funds with simply a one-year delay on all of the projects that were identified by the Appropriations Committee. If you can go along with that, if you want to save the two and a half million dollars, if it is worth it to you, please vote for the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Beutler amendment, have you all voted? Senator Beutler. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 147-48 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have on the bill is by Senator Beutler. His motion is to rerefer LB 9 to Reference Committee for further review.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the original intention of this amendment was to suggest to you that maybe the wisest course was to preserve your alternatives, in other words, don't pass the bill at this particular point in time and decide next year whether you want to bond, or whether you want to go ahead and build straightaway, or whether you want to delay because I suspect after we go through one more special session and know a little bit more about our revenues we will know a lot more about our situation, and we can watch the revenue flows for another few months before we have to make a decision. Now the only problem with this, I suppose, maybe from Senator Moore's point of view, is that we don't free up General Fund money, but ask yourself this question, why do we need to free up the General Fund money right now? The fact is we don't, we don't, because we have...if we preserve our right to act under this bill till next year, then come next session we can immediately proceed to free up that General Fund money if we so choose at that particular point in time. So if you didn't pass the bill, I passed out some summaries for you of budget actions. I passed it out to you because it shows how much money we would have to raise next year, which is about \$27 million, and that was assuming, of course, that LB 9 passed. If LB 9 did not pass, you would have to add, of course, about \$7 million to