

to keep those people in this state and we need to provide for our producers in this state, and this bill will do that. So I oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone and hope that you will, too. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Maurstad, on the IPP motion.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. And, Senator Beutler, I certainly want to indicate I didn't wish to demonstrate any disrespect in answering your questions, and certainly would not want to come off as being trivial or a smart aleck by any stretch. But I'm sure you understand that the E & R Chairman represents a certain position within the body which would translate over to the Appropriations Committee in that you had somebody with the least amount of seniority trying to answer questions, hopefully in an appropriate fashion, relative to the budget without putting my... putting my foot into it. So I apologize if there was any disrespect shown. I would not want to do that. I rise in opposition to the motion to indefinitely postpone. The...we obviously have a lot of things before us that we have to keep in mind the total context of things, as Senator Beutler has pointed out. Of course we...LB 559 is on the list and had pretty substantial support initially. I think that we should continue to advance this bill to let it continue to be considered with all of the other proposals that are out there. Personally do not think that this is an outrageous amount of money that we're considering here. And after trying to analyze the fiscal note and the basis from which it's derived, I have some questions about the fiscal note and how close an estimate that that fiscal note might be. Regardless of that fact, I think that passage of LB 106 would have a positive impact on our state and in the rural areas, and because of that, because I think it would be good policy, I think that there is good rationale behind the bill, I would support LB 106 and oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. I rise in support of Senator Beutler's motion to indefinitely postpone. Like Senator Maurstad, I have questions about the fiscal note as