

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2454-55 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 15 nays on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR WILL: The motion to reconsider is successful. Senator Dierks, you are recognized to reopen on your amendment. The call is raised.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to ask your support, favorable support of the amendment. And I don't want to keep you any longer, so with that I will just quit. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, you are recognized on the Dierks amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I guess, for myself, I just don't know how I'm going to explain this. I guess I can explain that I didn't vote for it. But if I'm out there in the lower middle class someplace and I'm a woman with a couple of kids, like to have another kid but can't do that, can't financially afford to do that, so I don't do it. Why is it then that with respect to a class of people who have probably for no fault of their own but nonetheless are not supporting themselves, are dependent on the taxes of this woman who has two kids and can't afford to have a third, why are we transferring money from that woman to welfare in order for that welfare woman to have another child when the person who is paying the bill can't afford to have another child? If the middle class person who is paying the bill...if the contraception doesn't work, what do they do? They have to deal with alternatives and choices too, don't they? And if the morality of the matter to them is that certain choices are not available to them, that's the way it is for everybody. To transfer funds in order to give a recipient of public welfare a right that the person from whom the funds are transferred does not have makes absolutely no sense to me. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Before we proceed with debate on the Dierks amendment, Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication re: LB 499, LB 699, LB 739,